

EDWARDIAN RIGGSES OF AMERICA VII:
GIDEON RIGGS (C1713–1786)
OF MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY, AND HIS
FAMILY THROUGH NINE GENERATIONS

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Dedicated to

ALVY RAY⁷ *and* EDITH HORTENSE (SANDERS) SMITH

my parents

My father was a 7th-generation descendant of Bethuel Riggs

also of Morris Co., N.J., genetically kin to Gideon Riggs

but of undeciphered relationship

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ABBREVIATIONS

BLM	U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Cem.	Cemetery
DAR	National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution
dw.	dwelling (U.S. census)
ED	Enumeration District (U.S. census)
FHL	LDS Family History Library US/CAN microfilm, referenced by roll number, or book, referenced by call number
fam.	family (U.S. census)
GLO	General Land Office of the BLM
GMNJ	<i>The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey</i>
IGI	International Genealogical Index (LDS)
JP	Justice of the Peace
LDS	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons)
MG	Minister of the Gospel
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
NEA	<i>New England Ancestors</i> (NEHGS)
NEHGS	New England Historic Genealogical Society
NGSQ	<i>National Genealogical Society Quarterly</i>
NJ Archives	Archives of the State of New Jersey, 1st series
NJHS	New Jersey Historical Society
NYGBS	New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
Pct.	Precinct (U.S. census)
PO	Post Office (U.S. census)
Record	<i>New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i> (New York, 1870-) (NYGBS)
Register	<i>New England Historical and Genealogical Register</i> (Boston, 1847-) (NEHGS)
r.	roll (U.S. census)
RG	Record Group (NARA)
RLDS	Reorganized LDS
sh.	sheet (U.S. census)
SSDI	Social Security Death Index
SSN	Social Security Number
SWNE, etc.	Southwest quadrant of northeast quadrant (GLO, 40 acres)
Sx TyN RzW	Section x, Township y North, Range z West (GLO)
TAG	<i>The American Genealogist</i>
Terr.	Territory

A NOTE ON THE SERIES TITLE

The expression “Edwardian Riggs” was coined by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, to describe a descendant of Edward Riggs, immigrant to Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1633, as distinct from descendants of other early Riggs immigrants. But here an Edwardian Riggs is a Riggs male who carries the same Y chromosome as Edward of Roxbury. Female progeny of Edwardian Riggs males are also Edwardian Riggses.

Another way to state the extended meaning is this: An Edwardian Riggs is a descendant of Edward Riggs of Roxbury *or of any of his male Riggs ancestors*. So an Edwardian Riggs male has the same Y chromosome as Edward of Roxbury, but may not necessarily descend from him. He might descend, for example, from Edward’s father or grandfather via a brother or cousin who immigrated to America separately.

As will be argued in detail, any Riggs in this work is an Edwardian Riggs by the extended definition. It is possible that each is an Edwardian Riggs in the restricted, original meaning of the term, but this has not been proved as of this writing. For example, Bethuel Riggs has been proved Edwardian by Y-chromosome DNA analysis, as will be explained in detail, but it is not yet known if he descends from Edward of Roxbury. It *is* known, however, that he descends from Edward or from one of Edward’s male ancestors.

Technical note: Two males are said to share the “same” Y chromosome if they have the same Y chromosome to within a few mutations. Such mutations are expected over a passage of time on the order of centuries.

LINEAGE LIST NOTATION

To facilitate stepping “backward” through the genealogy, I utilize one small addition to standard (actually “modified”) *Register* format. A leading subscript to a person in a lineage list is the person number for that individual in this work. For example, Theodore Foster² Riggs (₁₁₄*Thomas Lawrence*⁵, *Stephen Return*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹) was son of person 114, Thomas Lawrence⁵ Riggs (₅₃*Stephen Return*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹), who in turn was son of person 53, Stephen Return⁴ Riggs, and so forth. This technique may be applied to any person in a lineage list. However, to reduce visual clutter, I will use it here for at most one person per lineage list, usually the first.

N.B. The National Genealogical Society has now carefully codified modified *Register* format, mentioned above, so it is often called NGSQ format. Whatever the nomenclature, the above paragraphs describe departures from it.

METHODOLOGY AND STYLE NOTES

Un sourced material. Some claims without accompanying sources are important to preserve, as hints to future researchers or simply to indicate that I am aware of commonly claimed dates, names, or places, but am not certain of them. I enter these in footnotes and not in the main text. I do not always explicitly flag these claims as unsourced, but they should be understood as such by their presence in the footnotes only. This type of information often comes from compiled, but unfortunately unsourced, genealogies that have the appearance, to me at least, of being well researched and based on solid evidence. The footnote hint might inspire a future researcher to find the elusive evidence, whereas I had not done so by the time this book went to press.

Census litany. Rather than trying to be creative on each of hundreds of census readings, I have chosen to state them with a common “litany.” To make census litanies easy to spot, I usually introduce each one with the year. For example, a reading from the U.S. census for 1900 will begin “In 1900”

Online sources. I have made much use of online sources, usually secondary, such as the listing of gravestones in a particular cemetery. The problem with this practice is the supposed ephemeral nature of the web. Many online sources may simply disappear from the web over time, or change addresses at least. I have therefore made a copy of every webpage used in this work and archived it for future reference. Very notable exceptions are the many databases available from major servers, such as <Ancestry.com>, which I assume, with some trepidation, will be permanently available by some means. The URL for a website is identified by enclosing < > brackets. When a URL needs to wrap at the end of a line for good visual appearance, I have inserted a hyphen in an appropriate location. This line-breaking hyphen should be omitted, of course, when the URL is used as an internet address.

Abbreviations. To fit this book into one bound volume, I have resorted to abbreviations. With one exception, I always abbreviate state names and

month names. I do not abbreviate state names in the main text that stand alone. However, state names in footnotes are always abbreviated, even in the titles of books.

I do not abbreviate anything in a quotation. An abbreviation in a quotation is present in the original.

I use succinct forms for the sources in footnotes. The bibliography should be consulted for full expansion of a source reference. See the abbreviations section of the front matter for the full list of abbreviations used in the census references. In all cases, the census was read from <Ancestry.com>, and the roll numbers correspond to the microfilm series used by that organization.

Verb tenses. Past tense is normally used, but a record is described in the present—e.g., Joe Riggs was born in 1836, but a death certificate for Joe Riggs states that he was born in 1836.

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SPECIAL FOREWORD

After eight years of intense genealogical research, the last five devoted to the Riggs family, I have decided that I must bring the effort to a close. So this volume and six others from my *Edwardian Riggses of America* series are contributed to the public in an incomplete state, as there are thousands of proved results in these volumes of benefit to Riggs family reasearchers. I have chosen to electronically publish the seven volumes to make them widely available promptly. The format is Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format which preserves the thousands of hyperlinks I have embedded in the documents for my own benefit during the years of editorial work, and which I believe the user will find equally useful. Electronic publishing makes it possible for me to update the volumes at will. I do intend for my work to be cited even though it is incomplete, so I suggest users of the data here always insert the version number of the particular volume in their bibliographical references to it.

The list of unfinished things in this manuscript contains at least these:

- Incomplete bibliography.
- Broken internet links; they worked when I first referenced them.
- Unresolved items, often flagged with red font, but not necessarily so.
- General proofreading.
- The lower quality illustrations should be culled.
- Some permissions have not been formally granted.
- Some family lines should be taken further.

On the other hand, much of the information in this book (of several hundred pages) is correct and carefully documented. I would like to see the accurate information used, and the problems solved.

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PREFACE

I was inspired to begin my study of the extensive Riggs family descending from the immigrant, Edward¹ Riggs, for the personal reason of believing him to be the ancestor of Elder Bethuel Riggs, from whom I descend. Over the course of eight years or so, I have come to know much about this family, but I have not accomplished the original goal of establishing the actual descent from Edward¹ to Bethuel and hence to me. I have however generated five volumes of scholarly Riggs research and contributed six papers on Riggs research to the learned journals of scholarly genealogy. And I was able during that time to establish, using DNA technology, that Bethuel was probably, with high confidence, a descendant of Edward¹. The actual descent remains a mystery, but the existence of a descent is established with high probability.

Until 29 Sept. 2009 I had thought my volume 3 was the last of my Riggs volumes. Before that date I had already subdivided single volume 3 into two parts, each occupying a separate book: Part I was devoted to the well-established Connecticut branch of the family, and Part II to the problematical New Jersey branch.³ On 29 Sept., however, I decided it would be easier for my research and data management if I further subdivided Part II into two parts: (new) Part II devoted to those parts of the New Jersey branch that were well-established, and Part III to the problematical sub-branches.

While doing this major surgery it came to me that I could bring Part III into sharper focus—on exactly the problematical parts—if I removed any well-established families in what was to be Part III into separate volumes. In a sense I had already done this with my volumes 1 and 2, the family of Bethuel Riggs. His family is well-established, but his ancestry in Morris County, N.J., is not. I had already excised his family into separate volumes

3. Anderson and Smith, “The Genealogy of Edward¹ Riggs Revisited,” *The Genealogist*. (See bibliography for expansion of source details.) We detail here the problems with the N.J. branch.

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so I was not burdened by carrying its full mass around while I explored other branches.

The current volume, volume 7, is another such exercise. I am extracting, from what was to be Part III, the family of Gideon Riggs since it is well-established. It is his ancestry in Morris County, N.J., which is not. By excising the Gideon Riggs family from the proposed Part III, I save myself the burden of carrying around his (proven) family while I work on the difficult Part III. Part III thus becomes highly focused on just those nasty bits that have defied genealogists for years, while researchers can appeal to volume 7 for the Gideon Riggs family without question marks and red ink—much less of them anyway.

I shall probably also extract other proved subfamilies from Part III into other volumes, a pending notion.

As in the other volumes in this series, items in red have not been proved, in my opinion. They lack a primary source, or respected secondary source. I also use red to indicate questions to myself and or to indicate likely problems. A “source” printed in red is not one I respect. Generally, red indicates a problem.

Note added 18 Dec. 2013: This volume has improved a great deal with the inspiration and help from Randall⁸ Eckley who encouraged me to expand the family of Hannah⁴ Riggs (married Peter Eckley) with many source materials and careful analyses. His name appears in many footnotes, acknowledging his help in detail.

Note added 1 Sept. 2015: We now have two genetic signatures from DNA contributions of two descendants of Gideon. They both match the Edward¹ Riggs genetic signature. They are (with blue showing markers different from the Edwardian Modal Signature)

Foster Logie⁷ Riggs (¹⁶³*Theodore Foster*⁶, *Thomas Lawrence*⁵, *Stephen Return*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹):

IxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswoorrKLII kiophjjhkjluwpjllohlwtmklmkkll

Christopher Gsell⁹ Riggs (¹⁹⁶*Samuel Hynes*⁸ Jr., *Samuel Hynes*⁷, *Henry Earle*⁶, *Samuel Agnew*⁵, *Joseph*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹)

IxnknplllmmC sijkkyosCooqq kjswooqrLLII

PREFACE

GIDEON RIGGS

Of Morristown

FIRST GENERATION

1. **GIDEON¹ RIGGS** was born about 1714, died of fever 23 or 24 Jan. 1786, aged 73, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.,^[4] and was buried in the Presbyterian churchyard, Morristown (Figure 1).^[5] He married 21 Dec. 1742, East Hampton, Long Island,^[6] **REBECCA HAND**, who was born about 1717, died of fever 16 or 17 May 1785, aged 68, and was buried in Morristown, next to her husband (Figure 2).^[7] Silhouettes of Gideon and Rebecca of Morristown, made in 1782, have been passed down to the current generation (Figure 3–Figure 6).

Gideon is possibly Gideon⁵ Riggs (?Joseph⁴, Edward³, Edward², Edward¹). An inventory of the estate of (his putative brother) Miles⁵ Riggs estate,

4. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, “Riggs, Gideon; died 23 Jan 1786, aet. 73; his wife Rebekah, died 17 May 1785, aet. 68”; Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, 57, “[1786] Gideon Riggs, 73, Fever, 23 Jan.” His gravestone gives the date as 24 Jan. 1786.

5. Gravestone photograph, by Richard Hrazanek, added by Lee A. Hillard to *Find a Grave*, no. 32170551, First Presbyterian Churchyard, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., plot 31/71, “In Memory of M^r | Gideon Riggs who | died Janu[ar]y 24th | 1786 in y^e 73^d | Year of his Age | [poem]”; Shepherd, *Who’s Who in the Grave Yard, the Presbyterian Church in Morristown*, 121, “Riggs, Gideon—31/71—d. 24 Jan 1786, age 73 [Ed. Note: CR205 shows Husband of Rebechah Riggs. See Riggs, Rebeckah]”; *Abstracts of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots*, cites Hatcher, *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots*, “[name] Gideon Riggs [cemetery] Pres Cem [location] Morristown NJ 32 [reference] *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots, Vol.3, p. Serial: 9661; Volume: 7.*”

6. “Record of Marriages, Baptisms, and Deaths in East Hampton, L.I., from 1696 to 1746,” *Record 24(1893):193*, “[1742] Dec. 21, Gideon Riggs of Newark and Rebecca Hand of East Hampton.”

7. Gravestone photograph, by Richard Hrazanek, added by Lee A. Hillard to *Find a Grave*, no. 32170908, First Presbyterian Churchyard, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., plot 31/71, “In Mem[or]ly of | Rebek[a]h Wife | of Gide[on] Riggs | who di[ed] May | y^e 16th 1785 In y^e | 69th Year of her | age | [poem]”; Shepherd, *Who’s Who in the Grave Yard, the Presbyterian Church in Morristown*, 121, “Riggs, Rebeckah—31/70—Wife of Gideon Riggs, d. 16 May 1785 [Ed. Note: CR205 show Rebeckah —, wife of Gideon Riggs, d. 17 May 1785, age 68. Gideon & Rebeckah were parents of seven i.e., Abigail, Phebe, “A Child,” Gideon, Junia, Abraham, and Rachel]”; Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, 58, “[1785] Rebeckah, wife of Gideon Riggs, 68, Fever, 17 May.”

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made 14 Jan. 1754, Essex Co., by Joseph Day and Thomas Canfield, was signed by (Miles's brother) Joseph⁵ Riggs Jr., administrator, and witnessed by Gideon Riggs.^[8] See Vol. 3, Part II of this series for further information on Miles and Joseph Jr. This inventory is the only evidence we have that Gideon might be son of Joseph⁴ Riggs. Unfortunately, it is not conclusive.

Gideon was "of Newark" at his marriage in 1742, but he had presumably moved to Morristown at least by the time of his daughter Abigail's baptism there on 12 July 1747.

On 21 Sept. 1750 Gideon Riggs and Thomas Darling made an inventory of the estate of Philip Phillips of Morris Co., who died intestate.^[9]

Gideon was a freeholder in Morris Twp., Morris Co. on 31 Aug. 1752.^[10] So by the time he witnessed the inventory of Miles⁵ Riggs in Essex Co. on 14 Jan. 1754, he was already definitely of Morris Co. His coming from Morris Co. to Essex Co. for the inventory of Miles's estate is further evidence that he might have been Miles's brother.

Gideon Riggs was designated an executor by the will of Reuben Winget of Morristown, dated 13 May 1755, proved 2 Oct. 1755. The executors sold on 15 Oct. 1755 the 50-acre homestead to John Gano (the Elder?) and a 21.5-acre meadow to Gideon Riggs, and on 15 Mar. 1756 weights and measures and other items to Thomas Riggs.^[11]

"Gedion" Riggs was listed as a ratable in Morris Twp., Morris Co., in Oct. 1768, with 170 acres, 22 horses and cattle, and 36 sheep.^[12]

On 28 Oct. 1771 Gideon Riggs reported an inventory on the estate of Solomon Bates, of Morristown, Morris Co.^[13]

8. N.J. Probates, Essex Co., 2139G-2146G; N.J. Probates, F:229; *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 3:268.

9. N.J. Calendar of Wills, 2:378.

10. Pilch, "Eighteenth Century Freeholders in New Jersey, Morris County, 1752," *GMNJ*, 16:59-65.

11. *N.J. Calendar of Wills*, 3:363; James R. Couplin, "Reuben Winget's Sales, Morristown, N.J., 1755-1756," *TAG* 44:15-20, 15, "To Gideon Riggs 21 1/2 acres of Meadow Land [total] 51 15 0," 17, "To Thomas Riggs Scales and Weights 5/4 Brass Cock 1/1 a Tap and Mohair 3/a Tin Pott and Book 2/1 [total] 0 11 6." The latter source is thought to be a census of sorts of Morristown in 1755-1756. It mentions for example Zophar Gildersleeve.

12. Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co. N.J., 1740-1799*, 74.

13. N.J. Calendar of Wills, 5:36.

GIDEON RIGGS AND HIS FAMILY

Gideon Riggs, residing in Morris Twp., appeared in a poll list of May 1776 of those voting for delegates from Morris Co. to New Jersey's first Constitutional Congress. This might possibly have been Gideon² Riggs. Also from Morris Twp. was Joseph Riggs.^[14]

On 2 Apr. 1778 Benjamin Fowler, of Morristown wrote his will, with Gideon Riggs as one of the witnesses.^[15]

A list of Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., rateables of 1778 and 1780 has both Gideon Riggs and Gideon Riggs Jr. Gideon Sr. was exempted from paying in 1778 because of service in "Capt John Linslys Company." In the same place were Joseph and "Joniah" Riggs for both years, and Aaron Riggs in 1780 only. These records indicate that all four, including Gideon Jr., were young men and hence probably Gideon's sons (with Joniah identified with Juniah).^[16] Interestingly, Gideon (Sr.) was exempted for duty with Capt. John Lindsley. We note that Joseph paid nothing in 1780. Although the notation JL is missing, we know that he (Gideon's son, Joseph) did serve with Capt. John Lindsley, which perhaps explains this later exemption.

Gideon's will of 24 Aug. 1785, Morristown, was proved 18 Mar. 1793, and his estate was inventoried 6 Feb. 1786. The will mentions eldest son Joseph, sons Gideon and Josiah, youngest son Aaron, grandson "Jepthah Waid" (underage), granddaughter Elect [sic] "Waid," daughter Phebe Tarbel, Phebe Pruden (daughter of Abigail Pruden), youngest daughter Rachel (unmarried), and grandchildren Ebenezer, Anna, John, and Sarah Pruden (children of John Pruden).^[17]

14. Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co. N.J., 1740-1799*, 119.

15. N.J. *Calendar of Wills*, 5:188.

16. Strkker-Rodda, Kenn, *New Jersey Rateables, 1778-1780*, GMNJ 46(1971):45 [part of an extended series of articles 1966-1978], Morris Twp., Morris Co., "Gideon Riggs jur sm (Riggses 0 sm, 50; 1h) | Gideon Riggs 204 [acres]; 4h [horses], 14c [cows], 4p [pigs]; JL (54; 2h, 9c, 5p; £170)." So Gideon Jr. was on the 1778 list but only as a single man working for hire. In 1780 he had 50 acres and one horse. Gideon Sr.'s acreage decreased from 204 to 54 acres. He paid £170 in 1780, but nothing in 1778. The "JL" explains the exemption was for service in Capt. John "Linslys" Company. Also "Joseph Riggs 2h, 4c, 2p; £17 (40; 2c, £0) | . . . | Joniah Riggs sm (0sm, 50) | Aaron Riggs* sm." So Joseph had no land in 1778, suggesting he was Joseph Jr. Joniah was listed in both years as a single man for hire. Aaron was not listed at all in 1780 (signified by the *).

17. N.J. *Calendar of Wills*, 8:297-98.

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Joseph Riggs, one of the executors of Gideon's estate, attests to the accuracy of the inventory of Gideon's estate on 20 Mar. 1793, Morristown. [The document is reproduced on p. 18 of *Our Pioneer Ancestors*.]

Children, baptized at First Presbyterian Church, Morristown:^[18]

- + 2 i **MARTHA² RIGGS**, born about 1743, married **ANDREW WADE**, and had three children.
- + 3 ii **ABIGAIL² RIGGS**, baptized 12 July 1747, married **JOHN PRUDDEN**, and had eight children.
- 4 iii **PHEBE² RIGGS**, baptized 29 Oct. 1749, married, 20 Apr. 1779, First Presbyterian, Morristown,^[19] **DAVID TARBELL**.^[20] Phebe became a communicant of the Morristown church on 2 Mar. 1775. They "moved away."
- + 5 iv **JOSEPH² RIGGS**, probably baptized 19 Mar. 1752, married **HANNAH COOK**, and had eight children.
- + 6 v **GIDEON² RIGGS**, baptized 9 Sept. 1753, married (1) **RACHEL MINTHORN**, and had four children, married (2) **ELIZABETH HANKINS**.
- + 7 vi **JUNIA[H] [JOSIAH]² RIGGS**, baptized 9 Feb. 1755, perhaps married **JEMIMA COOPER**, and had four children.
- + 8 vii **AARON² RIGGS**, born 28 July 1756, baptized 12 Sept. 1756, married **ABIGAIL** —, and had four children.
- 9 viii **RACHEL² RIGGS**, baptized 11 Nov. 1759, married 24 Jan. 1796, Essex Co., N.J.,^[21] **JACOB WOOD**. Rachel became a communicant of the church 30 Dec. 1785. She was unmarried then and at the time of father Gideon's 1785 will. Rachel was dismissed from the Morristown Presbyterian Church to Springfield, 30 Oct. 1810.

18. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205; Congar, *Genealogical Notices, First Settlers of Newark*, 131, states, "Gideon d. 24th Jan. 1786, a 73; bur. Morristown; w. n. ch. Joseph, Gideon, Josiah, and Aaron." Congar lists only the sons named in the will ("w. n. ch.").

19. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, "Riggs, Phebe; C. 2 Mar 1775; m. 20 Apr 1779 to David Tarbill [sic]; 'moved away.'"

20. Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 14, has his name David Terrill.

21. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, "Riggs, Rachel; C. 30 Dec 1785; m. a Mr. Woods; dis 30 Oct. 1810, to Springfield"; N.J. Marriages, Colonial Era, 1665-1800, cites Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey Essex County Clerk's Marriage Records. 1795-1801, 598, "Wood, Jacob, and Rachel Riggs J. V. A. 1796 Jan. 24."

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2. **MARTHA**² **RIGGS** (iGideon¹) was born about 1743, died 26 June 1777, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., aged 34, of smallpox,^[22] married 4 Dec. 1765, First Presbyterian, Morristown,^[23] **ANDREW WADE**, who was born about 1740, died Jan. 1781, Morristown, aged 41.^[24] This makes sense of the two Waid [Wade] grandchildren mentioned in father Gideon's will, despite the lack of a baptismal record for Martha.

Andrew married Rachel Osborn and had a daughter Patty Wade. Rachel first married 3 Jan. 1771 Jonathan Bailey of New Vernon, Morris Co. He died and she married Andrew Wade of Morris Co. He died and she married third 7 Dec. 1787 Isaac Clark. He died and she married fourth Samuel Tucker. He died, and she finally did too, in Feb. 1840.^[25] So Patty Wade was half-sister to the children below.^[26]

Simon Wade was appointed administrator of Andrew Wade's intestate estate on 31 Jan. 1781, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., with Gideon Riggs as fellowbondsmen, also of Morristown. An inventory was conducted on that date by Gideon Riggs and Asahel Hinman. Two days earlier, on 29 Jan., Rachel Wade, the widow of Andrew, renounced in favor of Simon Wade, with Gideon Riggs as witness.^[27]

Children, two (Jeptha and Electa) mentioned in Gideon's will of 24 Aug. 1785:^[28]

- + 10 i **JEPHTHA**³ **WADE**, born [29 Jan. 1768], married **SARAH ALLEN**, and had **nine** at least three children.

22. Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, "[1777] Martha, wife of Andrew Wade, 34, Small-pox, 26 Jun."

23. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, "Riggs, Martha; m. 4 Dec 1765 to Andrew Wade."

24. Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*.

25. Littell, *First Settlers*, 17, 61-62, 307, 309; Wade, *The Wade Genealogy*, 273.

26. Wade, *The Wade Genealogy*, 273, has her as Martha Wade, born 10 Feb. 1780, died 7 Feb. 1842, with twin sister, Rachel Wade, died 25 June 1780.

27. N.J. Calendar of Wills, 6:423.

28. N.J. Calendar of Wills, 8:297-98.

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- 11 ii **ELECTA**³ **WADE**, born 1 Nov. 1771, died 10 May 1843,^[29] married 1 Mar. 1792 **DAVID EDWARDS**, and had nine children.^[30]
- 12 iii **GIDEON**³ **WADE**, born 11 Aug. 1776, baptized on his father's account 10 July 1777.^[31] He is not mentioned in Gideon's will of 1785, so probably had died by then.

3. **ABIGAIL**² **RIGGS** (₁Gideon¹) was baptized 12 July 1747, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.,^[32] and probably was the Abigail Prudden who died 17 July 1805 in Morristown of consumption, aged 54, although the stated age doesn't quite match her baptismal date.^[33] Abigail married, 10 Jan. 1770, First Presbyterian, Morristown,^[34] **JOHN PRUDDEN**, who was baptized on the account of his mother, a widow, 21 June 1751, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, son of Bois John and Sarah (–) Prudden.^[35]

Abigail Prudden joined the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, on 28 June 1770. John had joined on 1 Nov. 1764.^[36]

Children:^[37]

- 13 i **PRUDENCE**³ **PRUDDEN**, born 16 Dec. 1770, baptized 3 Feb. 1771, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown; possibly died 13 Sept. 1784,

29. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 248, “[Wade] [Electa, b. 1 Nov. 1771; d. 10 May 1843].” Her existence is proved by Gideon Riggs's will of 1785.

30. Wade, *The Wade Genealogy*, 273, 303.

31. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 248, “[Wade] Gideon; b. 11 Aug. 1776; B. f. h. 10 July 1777.”

32. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, “[Riggs] Abigail; B. 12 Jul 1747.”

33. Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, “[1805] Abigail, wife of John Prudden, 54, Consumption, 17 Jul.”

34. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, “Riggs, Abigail; m. 10 Jan 1770 to John Prudden.”

35. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 197, “[Prudden] John; B. f. wid. 21 June 1751; C. 1 Nov. 1764; moved, Roll 1. [He ? m. 10 Jan. 1770, Abigail Riggs, dg. ? Gideon. She C. 28 June 1770; 'joined ye Cong. Ch. Of Black River,' 25 May 1801; d. 15 July 1805, aet. 54.]” The doubt expressed in this item with the ? marks is dispelled by Gideon Riggs's will of 1785.

36. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 197.

37. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 199, “15. John Prudden [s. 6. Bois John], and his w. ? Abigail Riggs, had:— [followed by list of seven children].” Some of these children were listed in Gideon Riggs's will of 1785 in this order: Phebe, Ebenezer, Anna, John, and Sarah.

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- aged 14. This would explain why she was not mentioned in her grandfather Gideon Riggs's will of 1785.^[38]
- 14 ii **ANNE³ PRUDDEN**, born 15 Sept. 1772, baptized 25 Oct. 1772, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown.^[39] She must have died young, before 6 Oct. 1778 when her sister Annie was born (q.v.).
 - 15 iii **PHEBE³ PRUDDEN**, born 15 Aug. 1774, baptized 18 Sept. 1774, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown,^[40] possibly married **DANIEL PRUDDEN**. She was mentioned in Gideon's 1785 will.
 - 16 iv **EBENEZER³ PRUDDEN**, born say 1776.^[41] He was mentioned in Gideon's 1785 will.
 - 17 v **ANNIE/ANNA³ PRUDDEN**, born 6 Oct. 1778, baptized 24 Jan. 1779, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown,^[42] perhaps married **HENRY VAIL**. She was "Anna" in Gideon's 1785 will.^[43]
 - 18 vi **JOHN³ PRUDDEN**, born 11 Nov. 1780, baptized 13 Dec. 1781, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown,^[44] perhaps married 12 Apr. 1804 **LUCINDA HALSEY**, born about 1785, died 27 Jan. 1826, aged 41. John was mentioned in Gideon's 1785 will.
 - 19 vii **SARAH³ PRUDDEN**. She was mentioned in Gideon's 1785 will, but not in the *Combined Register*.
 - 20 viii **AARON RIGGS³ PRUDDEN**, born 29 July 1786, baptized 8 Oct. 1786, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown.^[45] He was not mentioned in

38. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 197, "[Prudden] Prudence ; b. 16 Dec. 1770, B. 3 Feb. 1771; [? d. 13 Sept. 1784, aet. 14.].

39. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 197, "[Prudden] Anne ; b. 15 Sept., B. 25 Oct. 1772."

40. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 197, "[Prudden] Phebe ; b. 15 Aug. B. 18 Sept. 1774 ; [? m. 22. Daniel Prudden, q. v.]."

41. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 197, "[Prudden] [Ebenezer ; b. perhaps in 1776 ; said to have been oldest son.]."

42. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 197, "[Prudden] Annie ; b. 6 Oct. 1778, B. 24 Jan. 1779 ; [? m. Henry Vail, q. v.]."

43. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 197, "[Prudden] Anne ; b. 15 Sept., B. 25 Oct. 1772."

44. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 197, "[Prudden] John ; b. 11 Nov. 1780, B. 13 Dec. 1781 ; [? M. 12 April 1804, Lucinda Halsey, of Hanover ; she, as wid., C. 28 April 1815 ; d. 27 Jan. 1826, aet. 41.]."

45. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 197, "[Prudden] Aaron Riggs ; b. 29 July, B. 8 Oct. 1786."

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Gideon's 1785 will (he was not yet born), but was in the *Combined Register*.

5. **JOSEPH² RIGGS** (¹*Gideon*) was probably the unnamed child of Gideon's baptized 19 Mar. 1752, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.,^[46] and died sometime between 22 and 27 Aug. 1814, Amity, Washington Co., Pa. (the signing and probate of his will). **His birthdate is often given as about 1743, but that does not fit with the 1752 baptism. It does however fit with his wife Hannah's birthdate and was perhaps inspired by it.** He married, as evidenced by church records, **HANNAH COOK**,^[47] who was born about 1743, died 31 June 1819, aged 76, and was buried in the Amity Presbyterian Church Cem., Amity, Washington Co., Pa. (Figure 7-Figure 8).^[48] The church records are these: Joseph became a communicant with the Morristown church 30 Aug. 1770, and his wife Hannah was received by letter into the church there the same day. The family "moved away," no date specified, probably referring to their removal to western Pennsylvania.^[49]

This was the family that migrated before 1800 to Ten-Mile (Amity) in western Pennsylvania with **[not with, Dod went earlier]** kinsman Thaddeus² Dod as minister (see my Vol. 3, Part II).

Joseph served in the Morris Co. militia in the Revolutionary War, in Capt. John Lindsley's company, Col. Sylvanus Seeley's regiment. Joseph was born **1743** in Morristown, died May 1814, Washington Co., Pa., served in 1778 as a private, married Hannah Cook.^[50] (So Stryker appears to have been the source for Wallace **[check Stryker]**.)

46. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, "[Riggs] A child; B. 19 Mar 1752." Gideon's will mentions his oldest son Joseph, so the "child" was probably Joseph since the older children were daughters.

47. I take her surname from the biography of her son Cyrus (q.v.).

48. Gravestone photograph, *Find a Grave*, no. 32169873, Amity Presbyterian Church Cem., Amity, Washington Co., Pa., "[In?] | Mem[ory] of | Hanna[h] Riggs | wife of Joseph Riggs | senior. [S]he departed this | life June 31, 1819 Aged | 76 years [possibly more here]."

49. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, "Riggs, Joseph, and w. Hannah; he C. 30 Aug. 1770; she L. about same date; both 'moved away.' Roll 1 [followed by a list of eight children]."

50. Stryker, *Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War*, 734; Riggs

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Joseph Riggs signed a “Remonstrance to the Provincial Congress Concerning Qualified Officers” in 1776. He signed with Aaron Riggs, Preserve Riggs, and Lebbeus Dod.^[51]

Joseph Riggs, residing in Morris Twp., appeared in a poll list of May 1776 of those voting for delegates from Morris Co. to New Jersey’s first Constitutional Congress. Also from Morris Twp. was Gideon Riggs.^[52]

Aaron Forman, assistant deputy quartermaster, Morristown, issued a cash disbursement on 26 Aug. 1782 to Joseph Riggs for goods provided, namely one ton of hay, for £3.5.0.^[53]

Joseph Riggs was listed as a freeholder in Morris Twp. on 17 Jan. 1793 in Morristown. He was listed with “Juniah” Riggs and Aaron Riggs.^[54] So it was sometime after this (in fact after he attested to his father’s inventory on 20 July 1793 in Morristown), and before 1800 (see next paragraph), when Joseph and his family departed for Pennsylvania. A biography of his Joseph’s son, Cyrus (q.v.), states that Cyrus was about 20 years old when the family left New Jersey, making the departure year about 1794.

On 10 Feb. 1795 Joseph Riggs purchased 198 acres of land on Ten Mile Creek in Washington Co., Pa., from J. Corey and his wife for £270, Pennsylvania money.^[55]

In 1800 Joseph Riggs, over 45, resided in Amwell Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman over 45, one male 10-16, and two females 16-26.^[56] No Joseph Riggs is listed in the 1790 census for Pennsylvania, so he moved there in the 1790s. **Bethuel and the putative brothers had all departed from western Pennsylvania by this time, according to family legend.**

vertical file, Joint Free Public Library of Morristown and Morris Twp., N.J., cites Stryker, p. 734, and DAR nos. 73300 and 67913.

51. Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co., N.J., 1740-1799*, 129-30.

52. Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co. N.J., 1740-1799*, 119.

53. Stratford and Wilson, *Certificates and Receipts of Revolutionary New Jersey. Records of New Jersey, Vol. 2*, 174, cites [on p. 174] a document in Box 2 of the Neilson Papers in th Alexander Library, Rutgers University.

54. Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co., N.J., 1740-1799*, 143-45.

55. Washington Co., Pa., Deeds, 1:226. I have not seen this deed myself but report it from Find a Grave, no. 32169671, which also claims that Joseph was buried in Amity Presbyterian Cem. but there is no gravestone photograph or other record cited.

56. U.S. census, 1800, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 44, p. 701.

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John Riggs, the youngest of these brothers was born in (presumably western) Pennsylvania about 1780.

In 1810 Joseph Riggs, over 45, resided in Amwell Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with with a woman over 45, three boys and one girl under 10, one male and two females 16–26, and one male 26–45.^[57]

Joseph Riggs “Sen” wrote his will 22 Aug. 1814 in Washington Co., Pa., witnessed by Cephas “Dodds” and Edward Wright. It was proved 27 Aug. 1814. In it he mentions in order, his wife, Hannah, sons, Cyrus, Stephen, and Joseph, daughters, Rebecca Axtell, Eunice Axtell, and “the surviving children of my daughter Hannah, deceased.” He appointed his sons, Stephen and Joseph, as executors.^[58]

Children, baptized at Morristown First Presbyterian:^[59]

- + 21 i **STEPHEN³ RIGGS**, born 4 Mar. 1771, married **ANNE BAIRD**, and had nine children.
- + 22 ii **CYRUS³ RIGGS**, born 15 Oct. 1774, Morris Co., N.J., married **MARY ROSS**, and had eight children.
- 23 iii **[CHILD]³ RIGGS**, died 16 Dec. 1776, Morristown, N.J.^[60]
- 24 iv **DANIEL³ RIGGS**, born 22 Dec. 1776, baptized 10 July 1777.
- 25 v **REBECCA³ RIGGS**, born 6 Sept. 1779, baptized 31 Oct. 1779, married 1799, Pennsylvania, **ISAAC AXTELL**, born 1778, Pennsylvania, died 1838, Logan Co., Ohio, and had 10 children, nine of whom had died by 1880.^[61] One child was D. R.⁴ Axtell, born 10 June 1823, Knox Co., Ohio, died after 1880, married 2 Nov. 1848, Morrow Co., Ohio, Catharine Brown, and had two children: (1) Lewis⁵ Axtell; and (2) Nettie⁵ Axtell.^[62]

57. U.S. census, 1810, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 57, p. 64.

58. Washington Co., Pa., Wills, 2:545–46 [FHL 863624].

59. Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, 205.

60. Cherry, *Register of all Deaths, Morristown*, 205, “[1776] Child of Joseph Riggs, —, —, 16 Dec.”

61. *Morrow Co., Ohio, Vital Records, 1830–93*, “Isaac Axtell [birth] Pennsylvania 1788 [spouse] Rebecca Riggs [marriage] Pennsylvania 1799 [children] Dr [sic], and Nine Others Who Died Before 1880 [death] 1838 Logan Co., OH [occupation] farmer [second spouse] Widow Abigail Jewell [second marriage] 1840 Morrow Co., Ohio”; *Fayette Co., Pa., Vital Records, 1750–1890*. [Wallace, Riggs Genealogy, 20](#), has husband Tuttle Axtell.

62. *Morrow Co., Ohio, Vital Records, 1830–93*, “Axtell, D. R. [birth] Knox Co., OH 10 Jun 1823 [parents] Isaac Axtell Rebecca Riggs [spouse] Catharine Brown [marriage] 2 Nov 1848 Morrow [children] Lewis, Nettie [death] After 1880 [occupation] farmer.”

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- 26 vi **HANNAH³ RIGGS**, born 3 Sept. 1782, baptized 5 Jan. 1783, died before her father's will of 22 Aug. 1814, [married **Rufus Dod**], and had children.
- 27 vii **EUNICE³ RIGGS**, born 9 Oct. 1784, baptized 9 Jan. 1785, died 1816, married 1801, Washington Co., Pa., **THOMAS AXTELL**, 30 Jan. 1780, Washington Co., died 1859, Morrow Co., Ohio, and had 11 children, all surnamed Axtell: Joel⁴, Thomas⁴, Jane⁴, Azuba⁴, William⁴, Hannah⁴, Joseph⁴, Daniel⁴, Cyrus⁴, Mary⁴, and Ruus [Rufus?]⁴.^[63]
- + 28 viii **JOSEPH COOK³ RIGGS**, born 28 Mar. 1788, baptized 25 May 1788, married (1) **KEZIAH DILLE**, married (2) **MARY DOD**, and married (3) **BETHANY AXTELL**. He had several at least six children.

6. GIDEON² RIGGS (₁*Gideon*¹) was baptized 9 Sept. 1753, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.^[64] A final pension payment voucher for Gideon's Revolutionary War service states payment to the Cincinnati, Ohio, agency and Gideon's death as 20 Aug. 1829.^[65] He married (1) 3 Nov. 1779, First Presbyterian, Morristown,^[66] **RACHEL MINTHORN**, who was baptized 26 Aug. 1744, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown,^[67] daughter of Richard Minthorn. He married (2) Jan. 1804, Ohio,^[68] **ELIZABETH HANKINS**, who was born about 1768, who had been previously married and had children from that marriage.

Elizabeth (Hankins) Brown .Wife of Israel Brown, daughter of Richard Hankins

Gideon and Rachel renewed their covenants on 17 Sept. 1786. Gideon took communion on 22 Aug. 1822, and was dismissed to Chatham,

63. Fayette Co., Pa. Vital Records, 1750–1890.

64. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, "Riggs, Gideon; [baptized] 9 Sep 1753 [father] Gideon Riggs."

65. *Index to Final Pension Payment Vouchers, 1818–1864*, NARA RG 217, Ohio, Gideon Riggs, 20 Aug. 1829, Cincinnati. Listed next to that for Bethuel Riggs, same agency, 25 July 1835.

66. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, "Riggs, Gideon, Jr.; m. 3 Nov 1779 to Rachel Minthorn."

67. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 163, "Minthorn, Rachel [baptized] 26 Aug 1744 [father] Richard Minthorn [remark] child of Richard Minthorn."

68. Arnold H. Nichols, "Beyond Yesterday," *Mt. Washington Press* (Hamilton Co., Ohio), 13 May 1981, 5, transcription of James Vance Clark's marriage records: "Gideon Riggs and Elizabeth Hankins, January 1804," digital photocopy of article courtesy of Cafi Cohen, email 6 May 2016.

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Morris Co., 15 Apr. 1823.^[69] However, Gideon transferred by letter in 1823 to the Presbyterian Church in Madison (which is near Chatham), Morris Co., N.J., from Morristown.^[70]

On 3 Sept. 1791 in Morris Co., Gideon Riggs and Junia Riggs mortgaged to Elias Boudinot three parcels located in Morris Co., for £96 15s. One parcel in Roxbury, Morris Co., called the Rocky Meadow, contained 24 acres. The second parcel was a “moiety or equal half part” of 27.25 acres in Roxbury. The third parcel was the “eastwardly half part” of 23.35 acres in the Great Swamp of Morris Co.^[71]

In the files of the New Jersey Supreme Court is a 1791 case concerning Gideon Riggs. A warrant was issued to the Morris Co. sheriff for Gideon with a £400 bail bond.^[72]

On 20 Apr. 1822 Gideon Riggs of Kirtland Twp., Geauga Co., Ohio, signed an affidavit (with several others from Kirtland) for the Revolutionary War service for Stephen Ames.^[73]

On 9 Apr. 1828, Clermont Co., Ohio, Gideon Riggs, aged 75, applied for a Revolutionary War pension, which was granted. Here is the abstract of his pension file:

[Riggs] Gideon, Cont Line (NJ), S40330, appl 9 Apr 1828 Clermont Co OH aged 75 with a wife aged 60 & a stepdaughter with her 3 children of which the oldest was aged 13 or 14 yrs (no names were given).^[74]

So Gideon had apparently married a second time to a woman born about 1768, who came to the marriage with at least one child. They had moved to Clermont Co., Ohio, where Gideon’s son, Calvin, had moved.

Certificate of pension 19984 was issued 27 Oct. 1828 to Gideon Riggs of Clermont Co., Ohio, who was a private in the company commanded by Capt. Doughty of the regiment commanded by Col. Knox in the

69. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, “both R. C. 17 Sept. 1786, he C. 22 Aug. 1822; dis. 15 Apr. 1823, to Chatham.”

70. Shaw and Parker, *Madison, N.J. Presbyterian Church Records*, 264: “Riggs, Gideon, L. 1823 from Morristown, wit: Sess. Rec. 1820.”

71. Morris Co., N.J., Mortgage Book, C:402, photocopy courtesy of Robert Charles Anderson.

72. N.J. Supreme Court Files, abstracted by Sandra Hewlett, CG, case 4778.

73. Pension application file, Stephen Ames.

74. White, *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, 3:2889.

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Massachusetts [sic] line, for the term of one year from Mar. 1775 to Mar. 1777, inscribed on the roll of Ohio at the rate of \$5 per month, to commence on 20 Oct. 1828. Arrears to 4 Mar. 1827 of \$36.12 were paid.^[75]

Oddly, Gideon's affidavit for the pension application states service in N.J., not Massachusetts (affidavit given 9 Apr. 1828, Clermont Co., Ohio, Gideon aged 75):

The said Gideon Riggs enlisted for the Term of one year in the month of March in the year 1776 in the State of New Jersey in the Company of Artillery [sic] then commanded by Captⁿ Daniel Neale and after his death by Captⁿ Doughty, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Knox in the line of the State of *New Jersey, in the continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps untill [sic] some time in the month of March 1777 when he was honorably discharged from the service near Elisabeth Town in the State of New Jersey. . . .

My family consists of my wife aged sixty, who is old and infirm, a step Daughter who has three children the oldest being about 13 or 14 years of age.

[The * corresponds to this note at the bottom of the page: Neal's company was attached to Knox's command, but was not properly speaking, a company of that reg^t.]^[76]

Placeholder: In 1830 Zachariah Riggs is listed in Tate Twp., Clermont Co., Ohio, with one male 70-80 and one female 60-70. The old couple is perhaps Gideon and his wife, consistent with the pension application, if Zachariah is the male 50-60 in the household.^[77]

Placeholder: In 1840 "Zacheriah" Riggs, 60-70, resided in Byrd, Brown Co., Ohio.^[78]

Children, baptized at Morristown First Presbyterian:^[79]

75. Pension application file, Gideon Riggs.

76. Pension application file, Gideon Riggs.

77. U.S. census, 1830, Tate Twp., Clermont Co., Ohio, r. 128, p. 197, Zachariah Riggs 0211001001 | 212001001.

78. U.S. census, 1840, Byrd, Brown Co., Ohio, r. 288, p. 379, Zacheriah Riggs 110000001 | 120001.

79. Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, 205.

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- 29 i SARAH³ RIGGS, born 3 Dec. 1780, baptized 17 Sept. 1786, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.
- 30 ii [CHILD]³ RIGGS, died 3 Oct. 1783, Morristown.^[80]
- 31 iii ASHBEL³ RIGGS, born 9 Mar. 1786, baptized 17 Sept. 1786, Morristown.
- 32 iv CALVIN³ RIGGS, born 1 June 1788, baptized 28 Sept. 1788, Morristown, and died before the 1850 census. He married 21 June 1829, Clermont Co., Ohio,^[81] MARGARET DAVY, born about 1796, Delaware.

In 1820 a Calvin Riggs, 26–45, resided in Miami, Clermont Co., Ohio, with a woman 26–45, and with three boys and one girl under 10.^[82]

In 1830 Calvin Riggs, 40–50, resided in Goshen, Clermont Co., Ohio, with a woman 30–40, and with two boys under 5, one girl 5–10, one boy and one girl 10–15, and two males 15–20.^[83]

In 1840 Calvin Riggs, 50–60, resided in Goshen, Clermont Co., Ohio, with a woman 40–50, a woman 60–70, and with one female 10–15, and two males 15–20.^[84]

In 1850 there was a Margaret Riggs, 54, born in Delaware residing in Goshen Twp., Clermont Co., Ohio, with Rachel Redding, 70, born in Delaware. This matches the two older women in the 1840 census and suggests that Margaret was Calvin's wife, Rachel her mother (but this requires her to have remarried, or for Margaret to have), and that he had died since the 1840 census. Also in the household was Silas Riggs, 25, a cooper born in Ohio. He matches one of the young males in the 1840 census. Both Silas and Margaret had \$350 worth of real estate. Nearby Benjamin Riggs, 36, a farmer born in Ohio, resided also in Goshen with Elizabeth M., 29, born in Ohio, and with William H., 9, Martha A., 6, and Selina, 3, all three born in Ohio, and also Paul, 25, born in Ohio.^[85] Benjamin, Paul, and

80. Cherry, *Register of all the Deaths, Morristown*, 53, "[1783] A child of Gideon Riggs, jun.,—, —, 3 Oct."

81. *Marriage Records of Clermont Co., Ohio, 1800–1850*, "2–280 Riggs | Calvin to Margaret Davy 21/Jun/1829 by Frederick Song (?)."

82. U.S. census, 1820, Miami, Clermont Co., Ohio, r. 89, p. 101.

83. U.S. census, 1830, Goshen, Clermont Co., Ohio, r. 128, p. 301.

84. U.S. census, 1840, Goshen, Clermont Co., Ohio, r. 384, p. 260.

85. U.S. census, 1850, Goshen Twp., Clermont Co., Ohio, r. 667, p. 146, dw. 1339, fam. 1339.

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Silas were probably all sons of Calvin. There are also some Riggses in Stonelick, Clermont Co., not far from Goshen, so possibly also relatives.

- 33 v **HENRY³ RIGGS**, born 25 Sept. 1790, baptized 19 Dec. 1790, Morristown. Perhaps he who died 6 Oct. 1859, Madison Co., Ind., married 23 May 1816, Butler Co., Ohio (see 1812 record below), **EFFA JANE MATHERS**, and had four children.

A Henry Riggs and Henry Riggs Jr. were privates in Jackson's Regiment, New Jersey Militia, in the War of 1812.^[86] [A letter in Gideon's pension file suggests that his son Henry fought in the War of 1812.] I am missing proof that the Henry Riggs of the War of 1812, born 1790, N.J., is the Henry Riggs who was son of Gideon, as there were two Henry's who qualify.

The following abstract of Henry Riggs's War of 1812 pension file was found on <Ancestry.com>:

Record Abstract Service Pension, War of 1812 Widow's Brief Claim No. 38-317 Jane Riggs, widow of Henry Riggs, Rank Corporal, Captains Hatfeel and Dewitt, Regiment Militia, State Ohio Post Office: Pendleton, Madison County, Indiana Atty: C. H. Fitzgerald & Co., Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana Application filed Nov 3, 1879 Alleged Service: Service in Capt Dewitt's Co. Ohio Mil War 1812 Record evidence of service: Henry Riggs served under Capt Hatfeel O. Mil from 20 Mch to 20 Sept 1813 also under Capt Dewitt from 20 Sept to 19 Nov 1814 [??] April 25, 1853 245 days of service Admitted Dec 9, 1879 to a pension of eight dollars per month from Mch 9, 1878 the date of Oct Bounty Land Claim 25263-160 50 Approved Dec 18, 1879 Marriage 23 May 1816 of Henry Riggs to Jane Mathers Death of soldier: Oct 6, 1859 Additional information in Claim of Widow for Pension (sworn statement) Physical description of Henry Riggs: about 5 feet, 6 or 7 inches, light brown hair, hazel eyes and eyebrows Married Henry Riggs 23 May 1816, Butler County, Ohio Henry Riggs died at his farm in Madison County, Ohio 6 Oct 1859 Residences since date of Henry Rigg's discharge: When first married, they lived in Darke County, Ohio, then in Wayne County, Ohio about 7 years, thence they remove to Madison

Benjamin Riggs resided in dw. 1337, pp. 145-46.

86. War of 1812 Service Records; American Genealogical-Biographical Index (AGBI), cites Records of the officers and men of NJ. In wars 1791-1815. Trenton, NJ. 1909.

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County, Indiana in 1828 where he lived until his death in 1859 [Jane Riggs signed with her mark] Witnesses: William Riggs, Martha Seybert, age 52 [Marriage record from Butler County, Ohio] Married on the 23 day of May 1816 by James Clark Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the Court of one said Henry Riggs to Jane Mathers State of Ohio, Butler County [1850 Bounty Land Declaration] Indiana, Madison County 14 Nov 1850 Henry Riggs was a corporal in the company commanded by Captain Nathan Hatfield in the regiment of Ohio Militia commanded by Col. Mills in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States 18 day of June AD 1812 That he was called at Hamilton County, Ohio on or about the 20 March 1813 for the term of six months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of about five months and twenty five days and was honorably discharged at Fort Seneca above Sandusky, Ohio 15 Sept 1813; he received a written discharge which he has since lost.

In 1830 Henry Riggs, 30-40, resided in Caldwell, Essex Co., N.J., with a woman 30-40, one boy under 5, one boy and one girl 5-10, and one female 10-15.^[87]

In 1850 Henry Riggs, 60, pauper, a laborer born in New Jersey, resided in Caldwell Twp., Essex Co., N.J., in the household of Stephen J. Gould, 49, born in New Jersey.^[88]

In 1850 Henry Riggs, 60, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$2,400 real estate, resided in Fall Creek Twp., Madison Co., Ind., with Jane, 52, born in Ohio, and with John, 23, a teacher born in Ohio, Cyrus, 22, Milton, 15, and Martha Ann, 13, three born in Indiana [but Martha Ann's nativity is blank].^[89]

7. JUNIA[H] [JOSIAH]² RIGGS (₁Gideon⁵) was baptized 9 Feb. 1755, and died before probate on 19 Jan. 1832, Morris Co., N.J.^[90] He **perhaps** married, 26 Oct. 1783, First Presbyterian, Morristown,^[91] **JEMIMA COOPER.**

87. U.S. census, 1830, Caldwell, Essex Co., N.J., r. 79, p. 452.

88. U.S. census, 1850, Caldwell Twp., Essex Co., N.J., r. 449, p. 86B, dw. 250, fam. 283.

89. U.S. census, 1850, Fall Creek Twp., Madison Co., Ind., r. 158, p. 116A, dw. 542, fam. 542.

90. *Morris Co., N.J., Surrogate Court*, probated estates, Juniah Riggs, issued 19 Jan. 1832, docket 39 8, B:92, executors Isaac and Gideon Riggs.

91. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, "[Riggs] Junia; B. 9 Feb 1755. [?m. 26 Oct 1783 to Jemima Cooper]."

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The widow of Josiah died 4 Apr. 1836, aged 80.^[92] **Wallace takes Jemima Cooper to be Junia's wife.**^[93] In at least one place, "Junia" is described as a mistake for "Josiah," but "Junia" appears in several old records and is unmistakable.^[94]

As mentioned above, on 3 Sept. 1791 in Morris Co., Junia Riggs and Gideon Riggs mortgaged to Elias Boudinot three parcels located in Morris Co., for £96 15s.^[95]

"Juniah" Riggs is listed as a freeholder in Morris Twp. on 17 Jan. 1793 in Morristown.^[96]

Junia Riggs made an inventory on 10 Nov. 1794 of the intestate estate of Sarah Frasey of Morris Co.^[97]

On 8 Sept. 1803 Junia Riggs, of Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., purchased for \$162 a parcel of land from Ichabod and Martha (–) Miller, also of Morristown, the land lying in the "great swamp in Morris-Town" consisting of 8.1 acres.^[98]

In 1830 "Junea" Riggs, 70–80, resided in Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., with a woman 70–80, one female 10–15, and one male 30–40. Junea is listed next to Isaac Riggs, 40–50.^[99]

Children:^[100]

- 34 i ISAAC³ RIGGS, born 7 Oct. 1784, married (1) PATIENCE BEDFORD WADE, and had three daughters, married (2) ELIZABETH MILLER, and had six more daughters.

92. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, "Riggs, –, widow of Josiah; died 4 Apr. 1836 at the age of 80."

93. Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 14.

94. Ceylon Newton Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles: A Genealogy, The Long Island–New Jersey Family of John Woodruff* (Glendale, California: The Arthur H. Clark Co., 1967) [henceforth cited as Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*], vol. 1, 261, "Josiah Riggs (transcribed in error as "Junia" in *Combined Registers*), Bap. Feb. 9, 1755; m. Oct. 26, 1783, to Jemima Cooper. "The widow of Josiah Riggs died Apr. 4, 1836, aged 80." "

95. Morris Co., N.J., Mortgage Book, C:402, photocopy courtesy of Robert Charles Anderson.

96. Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co., N.J., 1740–1799*, 143–45.

97. N.J. Calendar of Wills, 8:140.

98. Morris Co. Deeds, H:439–41.

99. U.S. census, 1830, Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 82, p. 84.

100. Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 21.

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- 35 ii **RHODA³ RIGGS**, born 7 Sept. 1787, died 23 May 1855, married 25 Sept. 1814, Presbyterian Church, Madison, Morris Co., N.J.,^[101] **LEWIS FORD**, born 4 Aug. 1778, son of Demas and Mary (Lewis) Ford, and died 8 June 1859, lived in Hanover Twp. Rhoda was of New Vernon, Morris Co., at marriage, and Lewis was of Whippany. His will, made 4 June 1859, proved 25 June 1859, mentions his son, Lewis⁴ Ford, and son Lewis's wife, Margaret, daughter, Julia⁴ (Ford) Gardner, wife of Ruben E. Gardner, daughter, Mary⁴ (Ford) Vanderhoof, wife of John Vanderhoof, son, Mahlon⁴ Ford, daughter, Polly⁴ Ford, and daughter, Sarah⁴ (Ford) Tuers. It mentions eight children, so perhaps there were two others unnamed.^[102]
- 36 iii **ABRAHAM³ RIGGS**, born 21 Feb. 1791, died 17 Mar. 1882, and was buried in the New Vernon Presbyterian Churchyard.^[103] Abraham married **PHEBE COVERT**, born 16 Nov. 1801, New York, died 3 Feb. 1878,^[104] before probate on 21 Feb. 1878, Morris Co., N.J.,^[105] and buried next to Abraham.

In 1870 "Abroham" Riggs, 79, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$6,000 real and \$4,500 personal estates, resided in Madison, Passaic Twp., Morris Co., N.J., with Phebe, 68, born in New York.^[106]

In 1880 "Abram" Riggs, 89, a widower farmer born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in New Vernon, Morris Co., N.J. in the household of John Covert, 58, a merchant born in New York of New York natives, his wife, Jane, 39, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and their daughter, Ettia, 8, born in New Jersey.^[107]

101. Shaw and Parker, *Madison, NJ. Presbyterian Church Records*, 264, "Riggs, Rhoda of New Vernon, m. Sep 25, 1814 Linis [sic] Ford of Whippany."

102. Elizabeth (Cobb) Stewart, "Descendants of Andrew Ford of Weymouth, Mass.," *Register* 119:198-99.

103. Raser, "Morris Co. Gravestones, New Vernon Presbyterian Churchyard," *GMNJ* 72:137, "Riggs, Abraham, b. Feb. 21, 1791, d. Mar. 17, 1882; wife Phebe Covert, b. Nov. 16, 1801, d. Feb. 3, 1878. Next to Abraham: Mary, wife of Nicholas Emmons, d. Aug. 11, 1848, aged 52 yrs." This suggests that Mary is another daughter of Junia.

104. Raser, "Morris Co. Gravestones, New Vernon Presbyterian Churchyard," *GMNJ* 72:137.

105. *Morris Co., NJ., Surrogate Court*, probated estates, Phebe Riggs, issued 21 Feb. 1878, executor Abraham Riggs, docket 183 6, E:235.

106. U.S. census, 1870, Madison, Passaic Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 878, p. 298B, dw. 130, fam. 131.

107. U.S. census, 1880, New Vernon, Morris Co., N.J., ED 127, r. 793, p. 307C, dw. 301, fam. 314.

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- 37 iv **GIDEON³ RIGGS**, born about 1792 **28 Jan. 1793**, New Jersey, died **Oct. 1873** after the 1870 census, probably in New Jersey, married **19 July 1825** **JULIA ANN STILES**, born about **16 July** 1795, New Jersey, who was a descendant of John “The Pilgrim” Ogden, founder of Elizabethtown, N.J.^[108] There was a Julia Riggs who died 14 Aug. 1854, Morristown,^[109] but this is inconsistent with the current Julia who is listed in the 1860 census with Gideon.

Considering that his sister was associated with the Madison Presbyterian Church, and probably his brother Isaac too, it might be this Gideon who transferred from the Morristown church to the Madison church in 1823, rather than his uncle Gideon². New Vernon and Madison are only a few miles apart.

On 31 July 1832 “Gidion” Riggs [no age given] of Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., witnessed (with his signature) the affidavit of Revolutionary War service by Matthias Williams before the Superior Court of Common Pleas in Morris Twp.^[110]

In 1850 Gideon Riggs, 57, a farmer born in New Jersey, resided in Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., in the household of Jonathan J. Oliver, 60, and Martha Oliver, 51, and three children, all five born in New Jersey.^[111] **Recall the association of the Riggs family and Oliver family noted in the sketch for James⁴ Riggs.** Julia is missing, but see next.

In 1850 Julia Stiles, 54, born in New Jersey with \$700 real estate, resided in Newark, Essex Co., N.J., in the household of James Stiles, 42, a brush maker born in New Jersey, and Hannah, 35, born in New Jersey, and Harriet, 8, and Joseph, 6, both born in New Jersey.^[112]

In 1860 Gideon Riggs, 68, born in New Jersey with \$900 real and \$100 personal estates, resided in Newark, Essex Co., N.J., with Julia, 65, in the household of James Stiles, 52, a brush maker born in New Jersey, with Hannah, 45, Harriet, 18, a tailoress, and Joseph, 16, all

108. Wheeler, *The Ogden Family*, 219, has Gideon of New Vernon, N.J.

109. *N.J. Deaths and Burials Index, 1798–1971*, Julia Riggs, 50, died 14 Aug. 1854, Morristown, Essex [sic] Co., N.J., FHL 584564. So her birth, about 1804, is a little off too.

110. Pension application file, Matthias Williams.

111. U.S. census, 1850, Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 458, p. 77A, dw. 413, fam. 450.

112. U.S. census, 1850, Newark, Essex Co., N.J., r. 447, p. 108A, dw. 1136, fam. 1728.

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three Stiles and born in New Jersey.^[113] James was probably a brother of Julia (cf. 1850 census above).

In 1870 Gideon Riggs, 77, born in New Jersey with \$900 real and \$100 personal estates, resided in Parsippany, Hanover Twp., Morris Co., N.J., in the household of Samuel Tuttle, 69, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$5,000 real and \$1,100 personal estates, and Mary, 30, born in Illinois, and with a domestic, Abby Ogden, 20, born in New Jersey.^[114]

8. **AARON² RIGGS** (¹*Gideon*¹) was born 28 July 1756,^[115] baptized 12 Sept. 1756, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.,^[116] and died 19 July 1826.^[117] He married (see deeds) **ABIGAIL** —, who was born 26 June 1757,^[118] and died 9 Feb. 1813.^[119] He was “Abraham” in the baptismal record, but Aaron in all other records. Abigail was received by letter into the church about 1783, and Aaron became a communicant 29 June 1787. They both were dismissed on 12 June 1811 for a move to “the Western Country.”^[120] **Wallace states that Aaron settled in Seneca Co., N.Y.,^[121] and subsequent records of the children suggest the more specific location of Seneca Falls, Seneca Co. (q.v.). It is worth noting that the Zophar² Riggs family also removed to this location.**

113. U.S. census, 1860, Newark, Essex Co., N.J., r. 689, pp. 315–16, dw. 1081, fam. 1523.

114. U.S. census, 1870, Parsippany PO, Hanover Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 877, p. 136B, dw. 321, fam. 333.

115. Riggs-Larzelere Bible, *Record*, 76(1945):182; also quoted in Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, vol. 1, 250.

116. Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, 205, “[Riggs] Abraham, “I think”; B. 12 Sep 1756.”

117. Riggs-Larzelere Bible, *Record*, 76(1945):182; Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 252: “Grand Pa Riggs Departed this life July 19, 1826.”

118. Riggs-Larzelere Bible, *Record*, 76(1945):182.

119. Riggs-Larzelere Bible, *Record*, 76(1945):182; Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 252: “Grand Ma Riggs Departed this life Feb 9, 1813.”

120. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, “Riggs, Aaron; and wife Abigail; she L. about 1783; he C. 29 Jun 1787; both dis. 12 Jun 1811, to ‘the Western Country.’”

121. Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 14.

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Aaron Riggs signed a “Remonstrance to the Provincial Congress Concerning Qualified Officers” in 1776. He signed with Joseph Riggs, Preserve Riggs, and Lebbeus Dod.^[122]

Aaron is listed as a rateable of Mendham Twp., Morris Co., N.J., in June 1778 (but not in June 1780) as a single man who worked for hire.^[123]

On 4 Mar. 1805 Aaron Riggs of Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., and Abigail his wife, sold for \$400, to Ichabod Miller of the same place, a plot of land lying in Morris Twp. On the same day Aaron and Abigail sold for \$100, also to Ichabod Miller, another parcel.^[124]

Aaron is listed as a freeholder in Morris Twp. on 17 Jan. 1793 in Morristown.^[125]

On 27 Mar. 1805 Aaron Riggs and **xxx (Abigail?)** bought, for \$350, a parcel of land in Morris Twp. from Stephen Bonnel and Susannah his wife, of Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J. Then on 24 Apr. 1807 Aaron Riggs and his wife Abigail sold, for \$350, a parcel (perhaps the same one) to Simeon Broadwell of Morris Twp.^[126]

Children, baptized at Morristown First Presbyterian:^[127]

- + 38 i **SUSANNA WOOD³ RIGGS**, born 2 Mar. 1783, married **WILLIAM L. LARZELERE**, and had nine children.
- 39 ii **MARY³ RIGGS**, born 14 Aug. 1788, baptized 5 Oct. 1788, died 4 Sept. 1848.
- 40 iii **RACHEL³ RIGGS**, born 11 Oct. 1790, New Jersey, baptized 2 Jan. 1791, died 1872, buried in Canoga Cem., Seneca Co., N.Y.,^[128]

122. Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co., N.J., 1740–1799*, 129–30.

123. Kenn Stryker-Rodda, “New Jersey Rateables, 1778–1780: Mendham Twp., Morris County,” *GMNJ*, 45(1970):127, “(Aaron Riggs sm).”

124. Morris Co., N.J., Deeds, L:362, L:364.

125. Stryker-Rodda, *Some Early Records of Morris Co., N.J., 1740–1799*, 143–45.

126. Morris Co., N.J., Deeds, U:441, U:443.

127. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205; Riggs–Larzelere Bible, *Record*, 76(1945):182. The Bible record lists also a “Henrietta Riggs, died October 19, 1899 in her 93rd year,” and the *Woodruff Chronicles* claims (p. 250) that she was a sister of Susanna—i.e., another child of Aaron and Abigail Riggs, but Abigail would have been about 49 at Henrietta’s birth in about 1806.

128. *Canoga Cem., Fayette, Seneca Co., N.Y.*, <www.rootsweb.com/~nyseneca/canoga.htm>, “Bockoven Fessonia 1900 5 118 aged 73y; wife of G. W. | Bockoven G. A. 1897 5 118 aged 41y | Bockoven G. W. 1897 5 118 aged 81y | Bockoven Peter 1873 5 118 | Bockoven Peter W. (V) 1863 5 118

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married 23 Nov. 1806, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.,^[129] **PETER BOCKOVER [BOCKOVEN]**, born about 1886, New Jersey, died 1873, and buried in Canoga Cem.

In 1870 Peter Bockoven, 84, born in New Jersey, resided in Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., N.Y., with his wife, "Rachael," 80, born in New Jersey. They resided in the household of George W. Bockoven, 53, a farmer born in New York with \$18,000 and \$2,000 in real and personal estates (resp.), and Fesona, 42, born in New York, and Chauncy, 21, and Laura, 18, both born in New York. There was a domestic servant, Mary Calhoon, 18, born in New York in the household also. Next door resided Jacob B. Larzelere, 54, son of William L. and Susanna (Riggs) Larzelere.^[130]

- 41 iv **AARON³ RIGGS**, born 28 July 1783. Not in the Morristown Presbyterian records.
- 42 v **PHEBE³ RIGGS**, born 23 or 25 June 1797, baptized 17 Sept. 1797, died 1 Dec. 1817.^[131]

aged 23y; son of G.W. & Maria | Bockoven Rachel 1872 5 118 | Bockoven Richard 5 118."

129. *N.J., County Marriages, 1682–1956*, image online, Morris Co., N.J., Marriages, A:68, "This may certify that on the 23^d day of Nov^r 1806, I married Peter Bockover to Rachel Riggs both of Morristown and County of Morris. | James Richard, minister of the first Presbyterian congregation in Morristown" [FHL 1314454]; "Backoffen of Philadelphia and New Jersey from Bischweiler in 1752," *Penn. Genealogical Magazine* 44(2006):255: "[Bockoven family] possibly Peter Bockover, born say 1781; married 23 November 1806 in Morristown Rachel Riggs."

130. U.S. census, 1870, Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., N.Y., r. 1093, p. 247, dw. 1196, fam. 1231. The Larzeleres resided in dw. 1195.

131. *Woodruff, Woodruff Chronicles*, 252: "Sister Phebe Riggs Departed this life Dec 1, 1817."

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THIRD GENERATION

10. JEPHTHA³ WADE (₂Martha², Gideon¹) was born [29 Jan. 1768],^[132] and died **9 Mar. 1818.**^[133] He married 17 June 1790, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.,^[134] **SARAH ALLEN**, who was born 1765–1784, and had **nine** children, **the last three born in Romulus, Seneca Co., N.Y.**^[135]

Jeptha Wade was received 2 Jan. 1792 into membership by the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.^[136]

“Jephthah” Wade performed an inventory of an estate in Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., on 27 Feb. 1792.^[137]

Jeptha Wade was a matross in Capt. Israel Canfield’s Company of Artillery during the Pennsylvania Insurrection of 1794. Jeptha was enrolled 16 Sept. 1794, and discharged 24 Dec. 1794. There was also a Timothy Wade in the company.^[138] This insurrection is also known as the Whiskey Rebellion, being caused by the Congress placing an excise tax on distilled liquors, and thus affecting such interests in Western Pennsylvania.

In 1810 Jeptha Wade, 26–45 [born 1765–1784], resided in Romulus, Seneca Co., N.Y., with a woman 26–45, two boys and two girls under 10, and one male and two females 10–16.^[139]

Known children **of perhaps nine**:

- 43 i [SON][†] **WADE**, born about 1792, was baptized Mar. 1792 at the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.^[140]

132. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 248, “[Wade] Jeptha, [b. 29 Jan. 1768]; m. 17 June 1790, Sarah Allen, dg. Gilbert; both C. 2 Jan. 1792; both ‘moved away,’ Roll 1.” Items enclosed in square brackets are conjectures by the compiler of the *Combined Registers*.

133. Wade, *The Wade Genealogy*, 273, 302–3.

134. *History of the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N.J.*, b136, “[Allen] Sarah; b. 1772; B. 5 July, 1772; m. 17 June, 1790, to Jeptha Wade, q.v.”

135. Wade, *The Wade Genealogy*, 273, 302–3.

136. *History of the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N.J.*, 141.

137. N.J. Calendar of Wills, 8:264.

138. *Records of Officers and Men of N.J. in Wars, 1791–1815*, Pa. Insurrection of 1794, a25, roster of Capt. Israel Canfield’s Company of Artillery, Morris, Essex, and Bergen Counties.

139. U.S. census, 1810, Romulus, Seneca Co., N.Y., r. 36, p. 216.

140. N.J., *Births and Christenings Index, 1660–1931*, Wade, male, born about 1792, baptized Mar.

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- 44 ii **SILAS ALLEN⁴ WADE**, born 4 Sept. 1797, was baptized 17 June 1798 at the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.^[141]
- 45 iii **KEZIAH⁴ WADE**, born 6 Aug. 1800, was baptized 2 Dec. 1802 at the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J.^[142]

21. STEPHEN³ RIGGS (*Joseph², Gideon¹*) was born 4 Mar. 1771, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., baptized 5 May 1771, Morristown, and **died 3 Dec. 1845, Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio**. He signed his will on 8 May 1843, Brown Co., Ohio, and it was proved on 21 Apr. 1846, Brown Co., Ohio, and was a resident at death of Washington Twp., Brown Co.^[143] He married (1)^[144] **10 Sept. 1795, Morristown, Fayette Co., Pa., ANNE BAIRD, who was born 18 Oct. 1773, Westmoreland, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and died 5 Aug. 1829, Ripley**. He married (2) (according to his will) **ELIZABETH** —, who was alive in 1843 when he signed his will.

From *Our Pioneer Ancestors* we have this autobiography written by Joseph⁴ Riggs, Stephen's oldest son, in 1868:

My father, Stephen Riggs, married my mother, Anne Baird, on September 10th, 1795. She was then living with her sister near Morristown, in Fayette Co., Penna. The marriage ceremony was performed by Dr. Jennings, then paster [sic] of the Presbyterian Church of Dunlap's Creek (the meeting house being one mile from the village.) [I believe the parenthetical phrases are inserts by the author, Henry Earle Riggs, born 1866, grandson of Joseph⁴ Riggs, who wrote this letter.]

I was the eldest child of my parents and shortly after my birth they removed to Greene Co., to a new village, called Jefferson, and my father began

1792, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., father Jephtha Wade, cites FHL 899807.

141. N.J., *Births and Christenings Index, 1660–1931*, Silas Allen Wade, male, born 4 Sept. 1797, baptized 17 June 1798, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., father Jephtha Wade, cites FHL 899807.

142. N.J., *Births and Christenings Index, 1660–1931*, Keziah Wade, female, born 6 Aug. 1800, baptized 2 Dec. 1802, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., father Jephtha Wade, cites FHL 899807.

143. Ohio, *Wills and Probate Records, 1786–1998*, image online, Stephen Riggs, probate date, 21 Apr. 1846, Brown Co., Ohio, cites Wills, Vols 1–2, 1817–1851, image of will pp. 147–148. The proof of the will (p. 148) states that Stephen Riggs was “of Washington Township Brown County.”

144. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 24.

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business as a scythe and axe maker, carrying on smith work generally but after remaining there two years, not finding the location a pleasant one, he removed in the fall of 1798, or spring of 1799, to Sandy Creek, Mercer Co., (then an almost unbroken wilderness) where he prepared to engage in farming. The first timber being very large and dense, about two years was required before a farm could be ready for planting. About two years after coming here, a cyclone destroyed the timber and so disheartened him that he left and after two removals bought a partly cleared farm near the first one, where he lived till 1806. In 1806 he removed to Franklin, Pa. then a place of 30 houses and 130 inhabitants. It had no church of any kind. In May, 1809, the next removal was made to Steubenville, Ohio, which was then a place of 600 or 800. Pittsburg and Allegheny had only 2000 to 2500 people. The family lived in town until 1813, in which year he bought a farm about four miles from the town on the Cadiz road.^[145]

From a history of Clermont and Brown Counties, Ohio:

The birth of Chambers Baird occurred at Sandy Springs, Adams county, Ohio, July 2, 1811, and his death at Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, March 20, 1887. He was a son of Judge Moses Baird, an Ohio Pioneer of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock who came from Washington county, Pennsylvania, and settled at Sandy Springs in 1790.

Chambers Baird was reared on the home farm on the Ohio river, opposite Vanceburg, Ky., his home until he reached the age of nineteen years, when, in 1830, he became a student in the Ripley College, with his cousin, Stephen R. Riggs, afterward a noted minister and missionary among the Dakota Indians, as classmate. This college closing in 1832, they entered Jefferson College, in Pennsylvania, and graduated from that institution of learning in the year of 1834.^[146]

The "Rev. Jennings" who married Stephen and Ann in Dunlap's Creek, according to Joseph⁴ Riggs, as given above, is shown to be Jacob Jennings in the following biography, important in this genealogy because of his son, Obadiah Jennings:

145. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 21.

146. Williams, *History of Clermont and Brown Counties, Ohio*, 2:157.

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Obadiah Jennings was born near Basking Ridge, N.J., December 13, 1778. He was the fourth son of the Rev. Jacob Jennings, a descendant from one of the Pilgrim Fathers, who settled at Plymouth. He (the father) was born in Somerset County, N.J., in the year 1744. . . . At the age of about forty, he directed his attention to Theology, and became a licensed preacher of the Gospel,—it is believed, in connection with the Reformed Dutch Church. After his licensure, he resided for several years in Virginia. He removed to Western Pennsylvania about the year 1791, and in April, 1792, was received a member of the Presbytery of Redstone. He accepted a call from the Congregation of Dunlap's Creek, in Fayette County, Pa., and retained his pastoral charge there until June, 1811, when, on account of bodily infirmities, the relation was, by his own request, dissolved. He died on the 17th of February, 1813.

. . . He [Obadiah] was ordained and installed Pastor of the Church in Steubenville, in the spring of 1817. Here he continued labouring with great fidelity, and a good measure of success, for six years.^[147]

So Obadiah Jennings was in position in Jefferson Co., Ohio, where Steubenville is located, to marry Hannah Riggs to Peter Eckley in 1818 (q.v.). This was exactly where Stephen and Anne had moved in 1809, according to the account above.

Stephen's will of 1843, proved 1846, as produced in probate 21 Apr. 1846, Brown Co., Ohio:

I Stephen Riggs of the County of Brown & State of Ohio being old & infirm in body but of sound mind & memory, do make constitute & appoint this my last Will & Testament for the disposal & settlement of my temporal affairs in the following manner to wit I bequeath to my wife Elizabeth all & singular my real & personal Estate consisting of the farm on which I now live, a house and lot & two parcels of land or out lots in the town of Sardinia, all my live stock, farming utensils, household & kitchen furniture and stock in the Ripley & Hillsboro Turnpike Company to have and to hold the aforesaid property during her natural life, after paying my funeral expenses & all my just debts - and after the death of my said wife Elizabeth it is my Will & desire that whatever remains of said estate, real and personal be equally divided among my legal heirs,

147. Sprague, *Annals of the American Pulpit: Presbyterian*, 4:551-2.

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excepting the sum of fifty dollars which I bequeath to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. I wish to be understood that my said wife Elizabeth is not to have the privilege of selling the farm but only to have the use thereof during her life – And I do hereby appoint my wife Elizabeth and my son Mose B Riggs my executors until the decease of my wife & after her decease my sons Joseph Riggs & Moses B Riggs. In Testimony wherof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of May in the year of our Lord 1843. [signed and sealed] Stephen Riggs.^[148]

Children:^[149]

- + 46 i **JOSEPH⁴ RIGGS**, born 2 July 1796, Amity, Washington Co., Pa., married **REBECCA GIBSON BALDRIDGE**, and had 12 children.
- 47 ii **MARGARET⁴ RIGGS**, born 7 Feb. 1798, “Jeffrsn Sndycrk, Greene Mercer” Co., Pa., married 15 May 1821, Jefferson Co., Ohio,^[150] **ROBERT RUTHERFORD**.
- + 48 iii **HANNAH⁴ RIGGS**, born 30 Dec. 1799, Sandy Creek, Mercer Co., Pa., married **PETER ECKLEY**, and had at least seven children.
- 49 iv **HARRIET⁴ RIGGS**, born 5 Nov. 1801, Sandy Creek, Mercer Co., Pa., married 7 Feb. 1822, Jefferson Co., Ohio,^[151] **WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN**. She died **15 July 1825** soon after marriage.
- 50 v **ELIZABETH⁴ RIGGS**, born 13 Dec. 1803, Sandy Creek, Mercer Co., Pa.
- + 51 vi **JANE⁴ RIGGS**, born 19 Oct. 1805, Sandy Creek, Mercer Co., Pa., married **GEORGE GILLILAND POAGE**, and had five children.

148. *Ohio, Wills and Probate Records, 1786–1998*, image online, Stephen Riggs, probate date, 21 Apr. 1846, Brown Co., Ohio, cites Wills, Vols 1–2, 1817–1851, image of will pp. 147–148. The proof of the will (p. 148) states that Stephen Riggs was “of Washington Township Brown County.”

149. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 24–25, cites family Bible record which I have not seen.

150. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–1994*, Jefferson Co., Ohio, “I do hereby certify that in pursuance of the within license I did celebrate a marriage between and did unite together as husband and wife on the fifteenth day of this instant Robert Rutherford and Margaret Riggs May 25th 1821 | Obadiah Jennings Paster of the first Presbyterian cChurch in Steubenville.”

151. Marriage certificate, image online at *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–1994*, Jefferson Co., Ohio, “I do hereby certify that in pursuance of the within license I did on the 7th of February last past celebrate [sic] a marriage between and did unite together as husband and wife William McLaughlin and Harriet Riggs Given under my hand this first day of March AD 1822 | Obadiah Jennings Paster of the first Presbyterian cChurch in Steubenville, Ohio”; Riggs, *Mary and I*, 26.

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- 52 vii **CYRUS⁴ RIGGS**, born 21 Nov. 1809, Steubenville, Jefferson Co., Ohio, and died **21 July 1811 there**.
- + 53 viii **STEPHEN RETURN⁴ RIGGS**, born 23 Mar. 1812, Steubenville, Jefferson Co., Ohio, died 24 Aug. 1883, Beloit, Rock Co., Wis., married (1) **MARY ANN CLARK LONGLEY**, and had eight children, married (2) **ANNA (BAKER) ACKLEY**, and had one child.
- 54 ix **MOSES BAIRD⁴ RIGGS**, born 28 Jan. 1816, Cadiz, Harrison Co., Ohio, married **RUTH A.** —, born about 1821, Ohio, and had at least three children: (1) Maria E.⁵ Riggs, born about 1841, Ohio; (2) Charlotte A.⁵ Riggs, born about 1842, Ohio; and (3) De Webster B.⁵ Riggs, born about 1849, Ohio, who did not appear in the 1860 census so probably died young.

In 1850 Moses B. Riggs, 34, a merchant born in Ohio with \$1,500 real estate, resided in [Saulima?], Washington Twp., Brown Co., Ohio, with Ruth A., 29, born in Ohio, and Maria E., 9, Charlotte A., 8, De Webster B., 6/12, and a young woman, all born in Ohio.^[152]

In 1860 M. B. Riggs, 45, a merchant born in Ohio with \$1,500 real estate, resided in Sullivan, Moultrie Co., Ill., with Ruth A., 40, born in Ohio, and “Marah” E., 19, Charlotte A., 17, both born in Ohio.^[153]

22. CYRUS³ RIGGS (♁*Joseph*², *Gideon*¹) was born 15 Oct. 1774, Morris Co., N.J. (see biography below)^[154], baptized 18 Dec. 1774,^[155] and died 14 Feb. 1849, and was buried in the Elkhorn Presbyterian Church cemetery, Washington Co., Ill. (biography). He married 25 July 1797 (biography), **MARY ROSS**, daughter of Edward and Phebe (–) Ross. Mary died about 1845, and was buried next to Cyrus.

An 1868 history of the Presbytery of Erie (Pa.) contains this biography of Cyrus Riggs:

152. U.S. census, 1850, Washington Twp., Brown Co., Ohio, r. 662, p. 378A, dw. 1466, fam. 1470.

153. U.S. census, 1860, Sullivan, Moultrie Co., Ill., r. 213, p. 909, dw. 153, fam. 153.

154. Norton, *History of the Presbyterian Church in the State of Illinois*, 265–66, is another such biography, gives Mendham, Morris Co., N.J., as the birthplace of Cyrus.

155. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 24.

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Mr. Riggs belonged to a New Jersey family. His ancestors had long resided in that State. He was the son of Joseph and Hannah (Cook) Riggs, and was born in Morris County, New Jersey, on the 15th day of October, 1774. . . . From New Jersey, Joseph Riggs removed with his family west of the Alleghany Mountains, and settled in Washington County, Pa., in the bounds of Lower Ten Mile congregation. At that time Cyrus was about twenty years of age. It is not known exactly when he became a professor of religion, but most probably soon after coming to the West, for a short time after we find him at Cannonsburg Academy, in preparation for the gospel ministry.

But circumstances seemed adverse to his plans. His father failed; his substance was sacrificed, and the son was forced to abandon his studies and give up all hope of the ministry. On the 25th day of July, 1797, Mr. Riggs was united in marriage to Miss Mary, daughter of Edward and Phebe Ross, of Washington County, Pa., who had emigrated from New Jersey about the same time with the Riggs family. With his young wife, he removed to Mercer County, Pa., and settled in the same congregation, where he was a few years afterward ordained as pastor. . . .

Dr. McMillan found him and persuaded him to leave his axe and his plough, dispose of his little home, and return to Cannonsburg to study. He graduated in 1803 at Jefferson College, a member of the second class that graduated under the charter. . . . On the 18th day of October, he was taken under the care of the Presbytery of Ohio, as a candidate for the gospel ministry, and on the 7th day of October, 1804, he was, by the same Presbytery, licensed to preach the gospel. From that time until the 23d day of October, 1806, he was engaged in supplying vacant churches within the bounds of Presbytery. . . .

On the 21st day of April, 1807, Mr. Riggs was received under the care of the Presbytery of Erie, and on the 21st day of October, 1807, he was ordained and installed pastor of the churches of Fairfield and Mill Creek. . . .

In this charge Mr. Riggs continued to labor until 1812, when the pastoral relation was dissolved. Having accepted calls from the congregations of Scrubgrass and West Unity (now Harrisville), he was installed pastor of this charge, on the 6th day of April, 1811. Here he continued to labor until 1834, when the pastoral relation was dissolved by the Presbytery of Alleghany. In the spring of 1821 he was dismissed with others to form the Presbytery of Alleghany, being one of its original members. In this Presbytery he

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remained until the autumn of 1835, when he removed with his family to the State of Illinois, and settled for a short time in the neighborhood of Macomb, McDonough County. In the summer of 1838, he removed to Washington County, in the same State, where he labored as a stated supply, in the churches of Elkhorn and Galum, up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 14th day of February, 1849, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, and forty-fifth of his ministry. His wife had died about four years previously. Their remains rest together in the cemetery of the Elkhorn church. . . .

Mr. Riggs had eight children, five daughters and three sons. One of his sons, Cyrus Carpenter Riggs, D. D., is a member of the Presbytery of Beaver. His eldest daughter, Hannah Riggs, was long a missionary to the Indians. She was one of the company of missionaries that went to labor amongst the Ottowas, on the Maumee River. . . .^[156]

In 1810 a Cyrus Riggs, 26–45, resided in Sandy Creek Twp., Mercer Co., Pa., with a woman 26–45, three boys and two girls under 10, and two females 10–16.^[157]

In 1840 a Cyrus Riggs, 60–70, resided in Washington Co., Ill., with a woman 60–70, one male 20–30, two females 30–40, and one free colored person, 10–23.^[158]

Known children, of eight:

- 55 i **HANNAH⁴ RIGGS**, born 15 Nov. 1798, died 15 Sept. 1870, and buried in Pleasant Valley Cem., Hiattville, Bourbon Co., Kans.^[159]
- 56 ii **SAMUEL TAIT⁴ RIGGS**, born 9 Feb. 1808, died 3 Sept. 1871, buried in Pleasant Valley Cem., Hiattville, Bourbon Co., Kans.^[160]
- + 57 iii **CYRUS CARPENTER⁴ RIGGS**, born 13 Apr. 1810, Mercer Co., Pa., married **MARY C. TODD**, and had four children.

156. Eaton, *History of the Presbytery of Erie*, 256–60.

157. U.S. census, 1810, Sandy Creek Twp., Mercer Co., Pa., r. 52, p. 943.

158. U.S. census, 1840, Washington Co., Ill., r. 231, p. 72.

159. *Find a Grave*, no. 30021713, gravestone photograph, by Lee A. Hillard, Pleasant Valley Cem., Hiattville, Bourbon Co., Kans., “Hannah Riggs | born | Nov. 15, 1798 | [plastered crack] | Sept. 15, 1870.”

160. *Find a Grave*, no. 28890377, gravestone photograph, by Lee A. Hillard, Pleasant Valley Cem., Hiattville, Bourbon Co., Kans., “Samuel T. Riggs | born | Feb. 9, 1808 | died | Sept. [incorrectly repaired to say Oct.] 3, 1871.”

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28. **JOSEPH COOK**³ **RIGGS** (♁*Joseph*², *Gideon*¹) was born 28 Mar. 1788, baptized 25 May 1788, and died 12 Dec. 1863. He married (1) **KEZIAH DILLE**, who was born about 1791, died 1 July 1815, aged 24 years, and was buried in Amity Presbyterian Cem., Amity, Washington Co., Pa.^[161] He married (2) **MARY DOD**, who was born about 1784, died 26 Apr. 1818, aged 34 years, and was buried in Amity Presbyterian Cem., Amity, Washington Co., Pa.^[162] He married (3) probably before the 1820 census **BETHANY AXTELL**, who was born about 1793, Pennsylvania, died 12 Dec. 1862, aged 70 years, and was buried in Amity Presbyterian Cem., Amity, Washington Co., Pa.^[163]

He was probably named for Joseph Cook who migrated with the Riggs and Dod families from Mendham in Morris Co., N.J., to Amity in western Pennsylvania in 1783 [this date is not correct since none of these Riggses are listed in tax lists of western Pennsylvania in the 1780s and since Joseph himself was baptised in Morristown in 1788]. Joseph Cook might also be, judging by mother Hannah's putative surname, a kinsman.

In Oct. 1817 Joseph Riggs, acting executor of the estate of the late Joseph Riggs Sr., deceased, of Washington Co. presented an accounting of the estate to the Orphan's Court at Washington, Washington Co., Pa. The \$124.13 was approved and distributed according to the will.^[164]

In 1820 Joseph Riggs, 26-45, resided in Amwell Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with a woman 26-45, and two boys and two girls under 10.^[165]

161. *Find a Grave*, no. 74943858, gravestone photograph, Amity Presbyterian Cem., Amity, Washington Co., Pa., "In | Memory of | Kezia Riggs | . . . [stone is buried up to here]." **Unsources information at this site:** "Keziah" Dille Riggs died 1 July 1815, "age: 24yr, wife of Joseph" [as if this is inscribed on the stone], parents Lewis Dille (1760-1820) and Sarah Sanders Dille (—1839) both buried in Prosperity Cem., Prosperity, Washington Co., Pa.

162. *Find a Grave*, no. 74943877, gravestone photograph, Amity Presbyterian Cem., Amity, Washington Co., Pa., "In | Memory of | Mary Riggs | wife of Jo[ablated] Riggs J^u | who departet[ablated]this life | April [?5] 18[18] Aged 34 | years." The "5" after April appears to be a modern addition, in a small font size and modern style. **Unsources information at this site:** Died 26 Apr. 1818.

163. *Find a Grave*, no. 74944104, gravestone photograph, Amity Presbyterian Cem., Amity, Washington Co., Pa., "Bethany | wife of | Joseph C. Riggs | died | Dec. 12, 1862 | Aged 70 yrs. . . ."

164. Washington Co., Pa., Orphans Court Records, B:18 [FHL 863632], digital image courtesy of Nedra Dickman Brill.

165. U.S. census, 1820, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 113, p. 229, 2M 0-10, 1M 26-45,

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In 1850 Bethany Riggs, 57, born in Pennsylvania with \$240 real estate, resided in Amwell Twp., Washington Co., Pa., with Hannah, 31, Eunice, 26, Lucinda, 23, Luther, 20, Sophia, 17, and Joseph, 12, all born in Pennsylvania.^[166]

In 1860 Bethany Riggs, 66, born in Pennsylvania, resided in Ten Mile, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., Pa., in the household of Luther Riggs, 28, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$200 real estate, and with Sophia, 24, and Joseph, 22, a farm laborer, both born in Pennsylvania.^[167]

Known children, probably of wife Bethany:

- 58 i HANNAH⁴ RIGGS, born about 1819, Pennsylvania.
- 59 ii EUNICE⁴ RIGGS, born about 1824, Pennsylvania.
- 60 iii LUCINDA⁴ RIGGS, born about 1827, Pennsylvania.
- 61 iv LUTHER⁴ RIGGS, born about 1830, Pennsylvania.
- 62 v SOPHIA⁴ RIGGS, born 1833, Pennsylvania, died 1918, and was buried in Amity Presbyterian Cem., Amity, Washington Co., Pa.^[168]
- 63 vi JOSEPH⁴ RIGGS, born about 1838, Pennsylvania.

34. ISAAC³ RIGGS (*Junia², Gideon¹*) was born 7 Oct. 1784, died 18 Jan. 1861, before probate on 23 Feb. 1861, Morris Co., N.J.,^[169] and was buried in the New Vernon Presbyterian Churchyard, Morris Co., N.J.^[170] He married (1) 20 Nov. 1806, Hanover, Morris Co., N.J.,^[171] **PATIENCE BEDFORD WADE**, daughter of Joseph Wade.^[172] Isaac married (2) **11 Apr.**

2F 0-10, 1F 26-45.

166. U.S. census, 1850, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 834, p. 370A, dw. 17, fam. 17.

167. U.S. census, 1860, Ten Mile PO, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., Pa., r. 1191, p. 34, dw. 128, fam. 128.

168. *Find a Grave*, no. 74943890, gravestone photograph, Amity Presbyterian Cem., Amity, Washington Co., Pa., "Sophia Riggs | 1833 - 1918."

169. *Morris Co., N.J., Surrogate Court*, probated estates, Isaac Riggs, issued 23 Feb. 1861, executor Jonathan Miller, docket 64 40, H:254.

170. Raser, "Morris Co. Gravestones, New Vernon Presbyterian Churchyard," *GMNJ* 72:137, "Riggs, Isaac, b. Oct. 7, 1784, d. Jan. 18, 1861; wife Elizabeth Miller, b. Dec. 22, 1793, d. Aug. 1, 1872."

171. Henry W. Pilch, "Hanover Presbyterian Church Marriages by Rev. Aaron Condit," *GMNJ*, 36(1961):97-104, "[1806] Nov. 20 Isaac Riggs, Long Hill, to Patience Wade, Hanover." Long Hill is near New Vernon.

172. Charles C. Gardiner Collection, Essex Co., N.J., N.J. Families, Race to Righter, FHL 848918,

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1816^[173] **ELIZABETH MILLER**, born 22 Dec. 1793,^[174] daughter ^[175] of **Isaac and Susan (Beach) Miller of New Vernon**, and she died 1 Aug. 1872, and was buried in New Vernon next to her husband, Isaac.^[176]

This was probably the Isaac Riggs who received a seat in 1825 in the new Presbyterian Church at Madison, Morris Co., N.J., for carpentry work.^[177]

In 1830 Isaac Riggs, 40-50, resided in Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., with a woman 30-40, one boy [?] and one girl [Catherine?] under 5, two girls 5-10 [Ann and Harriet], and two females 10-15 [Mary and Phebe]. Isaac is listed next to "Junea" Riggs, 70-80.^[178]

In 1850 Isaac Riggs, 65, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$1,800 real estate, resided in Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., with Elizabeth, 56, born in New Jersey, and with Mary T., 33, Phebe M., 30, and Harriet L, 26, all three born in New Jersey. John H. Webb, 15, a farmer born in New Jersey, was also in the household.^[179]

In 1860 Isaac Riggs, "76," a farmer born in New Jersey with \$4,000 real and \$1,000 personal estates, resided in Morristown, Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., with Elizabeth, 66, born in New Jersey, and with Mary, 41, Phebe "A.," 39, and Harriet, 36, all three born in New Jersey.^[180]

In 1870 Elizabeth Riggs, 75, born in New Jersey with \$5,000 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Madison, Passaic Twp., Morris Co., N.J.,

card for Isaac Riggs of New Vernon, "Mar 3 1818 will of Joseph Wade q.v. of Hanover Tp. Leaves to heirs of Patience Bedford, viz.: Sally, Caroline & Elizabeth C. Rigs [sic] - 50¢ each." [Find this will.](#)

173. [Wallace, Riggs Genealogy, 40](#); [Littell, First Settlers, 35](#), "Susan [Beach] married Isaac Miller, of New Vernon, and had children: 1. . . . 2. Betsey married Isaac Riggs."

174. Raser, "Morris Co. Gravestones, New Vernon Presbyterian Churchyard," *GMNJ* 72:137.

175. Littell, *First Settlers*, 35.

176. Raser, "Morris Co. Gravestones, New Vernon Presbyterian Churchyard," *GMNJ* 72:137.

177. Shaw and Parker, *Madison, N.J. Presbyterian Church Records*, 264: "Riggs, Isaac, 1825 Subscr., seat new church 1825—pd by carpentry work."

178. U.S. census, 1830, Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 82, p. 84.

179. U.S. census, 1850, Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 458, p. 51B, dw. 43, fam. 46.

180. U.S. census, 1860, Morristown PO, Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 703, p. 165, dw. 908, fam. 937.

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with Mary T., 55, Phebe, 53, and Harriet L., 47, all three born in New Jersey.^[181]

Children of the first marriage, to Patience, according to Joseph Wade's will of 3 Mar. 1818:

- 64 i SARAH/SALLY⁴ RIGGS, alive on 3 Mar. 1818 when Joseph Wade signed his will.
- 65 ii CAROLINE⁴ RIGGS, born about 1812, married HENRY LEWIS.
- 66 iii ELIZABETH C.⁴ RIGGS, born 1814, married WILLIAM WEBB, of Chester.

Children of the second marriage, to Elizabeth:^[182]

- 67 iv MARY T.⁴ RIGGS, born 10 Apr. 1817, New Jersey, died 20 Dec. 1888, Morris Co., N.J.^[183]
- 68 v PHEBE M.⁴ RIGGS, born 14 Apr. 1819, New Jersey, died 17 Sept. 1878, Morris Co., N.J.^[184]
- 69 vi ANN⁴ RIGGS, born 15 Oct. 1821, presumably New Jersey, died 2 Feb. 1848. Not listed of course in the 1850 census.
- 70 vii HARRIET L.⁴ RIGGS, born 14 Oct. 1823, New Jersey, died 27 Apr. 1900, Morris Co., N.J.^[185]
- 71 viii CATHERINE J.⁴ RIGGS, born 11 Feb. 1828, married AARON S. CRANE, died 17 May 1900, Morris Co., N.J.,^[186] and had at least one child: (1) George E.⁵ Crane, born about 1825, New Jersey.

181. U.S. census, 1870, Madison PO, Passaic Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 878, p. 297B-298A, dw. 118, fam. 118.

182. Raser, "Morris Co. Gravestones, New Vernon Presbyterian Churchyard," *GMNJ* 72:137, for the first four children; Wallace, *Riggs Genealogy*, 40, for the last two; Raser, "Morris Co. Gravestones, New Vernon Presbyterian Churchyard," *GMNJ* 72:137, "Riggs, Isaac, b. Oct. 7, 1784, d. Jan. 18, 1861; wife Elizabeth Miller, b. Dec. 22, 1793, d. Aug. 1, 1872; dau. Mary T., b. Apr. 10, 1817, d. Dec. 20, 1888; dau. Phebe M., b. Apr. 14, 1819, d. Sept. 17, 1878; dau. Ann, b. Oct. 15, 1821, d. Feb. 2, 1848; dau. Harriet L., b. Oct. 14, 1823, d. Apr. 27, 1900." Also "Riggs, Jemima C. See Gorline D. Egbert."

183. *Morris Co., NJ., Surrogate Court*, probated estates, Mary T. Riggs, died 20 Dec. 1888, executor Philander B. Pierson, docket 350 5, issue date 31 Dec. 1888, application C:360, issue R:596.

184. *Morris Co., NJ., Surrogate Court*, probated estates, Phebe M. Riggs, died 17 Sept. 1878, executor Philander B. Pierson, docket 250 2, issue date 11 Mar. 1882, application A:505, issue F:344.

185. *Morris Co., NJ., Surrogate Court*, probated estates, Harriet L. Riggs, died 27 Apr. 1900, executor Philander B. Pierson, docket 450 5, issue date 8 May 1900, application G:316, issue A2:364.

186. *Morris Co., NJ., Surrogate Court*, probated estates, Aaron S. Crane, died 17 May 1900, executor

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In 1850 Aaron S. Crane, 25, a wagon maker born in New Jersey, resided in Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., with “Catharine” J., 22, born in New Jersey, in the household of Ichabod Crane, 62, a farmer born in New Jersey with \$1,800 real estate, and also with John Lears Crane, 23, a farmer born in New Jersey.^[187]

In 1860 Aaron S. Crane, 35, a house painter born in New Jersey with \$2,000 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Morristown, Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., with “Catharine,” 32, born in New Jersey, and Geo. E., 8, born in New Jersey.^[188]

In 1870 Aaron “E.” Crane, 45, a carpenter born in New Jersey with \$2,500 real and \$200 personal estates, resided in Morristown, Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., with Cath[erine?] J., 42, born in New Jersey, and George E., 18, born in New Jersey.^[189]

In 1880 Aaron S. Crane, 55, a carpenter born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, resided in Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., with his wife, Catherine J., 53, born in New Jersey of New Jersey natives, and with one servant.^[190]

In 1890 and 1891 Aaron S. Crane is listed at 186 South, Morristown, N.J., a carpenter.^[191]

In 1895 Aaron S. Crane, over 60, resided in Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., with Amelia A. Crane, 20–60.^[192]

72 ix **JEMIMA C. [COOPER?]⁴ RIGGS, born 3 Oct. 1831, married GOLIAH/GORLINE D. EGBERT.**

In 1870 Egbert Gorline, 50, a painter born in New Jersey with \$1,500 real and \$300 personal estates, resided in Madison, Passaic Twp., Morris Co., N.J., with Jemima, 38, born in New Jersey, and with David, 17, Ann E., 16, Isaac R., 12, James N., 9, and Harvey A., 6, all five born in New Jersey, and shared a household with John Shepherd, 55, born in New Jersey, and Polly Shepherd, 80, born in

Amelia Crane, docket 408 12, issue date 29 May 1900, application G:327, issue A2:392.

187. U.S. census, 1850, Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 458, p. 53B, dw. 68, fam. 73.

188. U.S. census, 1860, Morristown PO, Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 703, p. 101, dw. 423, fam. 454.

189. U.S. census, 1870, Morristown PO, Morris Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 877, p. 269B, dw. 646, fam. 811.

190. U.S. census, 1880, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., ED 125, r. 793, p. 249A, dw. 35, fam. 43.

191. Morristown, N.J., Directories, 1887–88, 1890–91.

192. N.J. state census, 1895, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., r. 94, p. 13, dw. 47, fam. 53.

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New Jersey. On the same page is Elizabeth Riggs (widow of Isaac Riggs, putative father of Jemima), 75, born in New Jersey.^[193]

38. SUSANNA/SUSAN WOOD³ RIGGS (sAaron², Gideon¹) was born 2 Mar. 1783,^[194] baptized 11 May 1783,^[195] became a communicant with the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., on 9 July 1802,^[196] and died 30 Dec. 1858.^[197] She married 13 Dec. 1804, Morristown,^[198] WILLIAM L. [or F.] LARZELERE [LARZALERE] [LARZLERE], who was born 23 Oct. 1778,^[199] and dismissed from the church 26 Dec. 1810,^[200] when they moved, at least eventually, to Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., N.Y. William died 29 May 1847.^[201]

William is probably son of Jacob Larzelere who signs his will in Morristown on 11 June 1808, proved 2 July 1808. Son, William Larzelere, is one of the executors of the will, and the will mentions granddaughter, “Julyan” Larzelere, who was probably William’s daughter Julia Ann [see below], born in 1807.^[202]

193. U.S. census, 1870, Madison PO, Passaic Twp., Morris Co., N.J., r. 878, p. 297B, dw. 112, fam. 111. Elizabeth resided in dw. 118.

194. Riggs-Larzelere Bible, *Record*, 76(1945):182.

195. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, “[Riggs] Susanna Wood; b 2 Mar 1783; B.f.w. 11 May 1783; C. 9 Jul 1802; m. 13 Dec 1804 to Wm. F. [sic] Larzelere; dis. 26 Dec 1810.”

196. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, “[Riggs] Susanna Wood; b 2 Mar 1783; B.f.w. 11 May 1783; C. 9 Jul 1802; m. 13 Dec 1804 to Wm. F. [sic] Larzelere; dis. 26 Dec 1810.”

197. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 252: “Mrs Susan W. Larzler Departed this life Dec 30, 1858.” All *Woodruff Chronicles* items are from an old notebook in the Woodruff family, thought to have been recorded from unknown family Bibles.

198. N.J., *County Marriages, 1682–1956*, image online, Morris Co., N.J., Marriages, A:201, “W^m F. Larzelere to Susanna Woods Riggs } I Certify that on the 13th of Dec^r 1804 I married William F Larzelere to Susanna Woods Riggs both of Morristown and County of Morris | James Richard” [FHL 1314453].

199. Riggs-Larzelere Bible, *Record*, 76(1945):182.

200. *Combined Registers, First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, 205, “[Riggs] Susanna Wood; b 2 Mar 1783; B.f.w. 11 May 1783; C. 9 Jul 1802; m. 13 Dec 1804 to Wm. F. [sic] Larzelere; dis. 26 Dec 1810.”

201. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 251: “Mr William L Larzler Departed this life May 29, 1847.”

202. N.J. Calendar of Wills, 9:210.

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Children:^[203]

- 73 i **CORNELIA ELIZA⁴ LARZELERE**, born 29 July 1805, married 15 Feb. 1837, “at Michigan” [perhaps Michigan state],^[204] **EZIKIEL ABERNATHY**.
- 74 ii **JULIA ANN⁴ LARZELERE**, born 15 Oct. 1807, died 11 May 1828. Mentioned in her [probable] grandfather’s will [see above].
- 75 iii **SUSAN ANN⁴ LARZELERE**, born 3 Dec. 1809, died 22 June 1891,^[205] married 28 June 1841, Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., N.Y.,^[206] **JACOB G. GAMBEE**.
- 76 iv **DANIEL DAVIS⁴ LARZELERE**, born 2 Aug. 1811, died 4 Mar. 1859,^[207] married 13 Sept. 1837, “at Michigan” [perhaps Michigan state],^[208] **CLARISSA GOULD**.
- 77 v **ABIGAIL EVELINA⁴ LARZELERE**, born 12 May 1813, died 26 Dec. 1813.
- 78 vi **EMILY⁴ LARZELERE**, born 8 Dec. 1814,^[209] died 25 Mar. 1873, Rockwood, Brown Co., Michigan,^[210] married 11 Nov. 1835, Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., N.Y.,^[211] **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WOODRUFF**, who was

203. Riggs-Larzelere Bible, *Record*, 76(1945):182; Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 250-52.

204. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 251: “Married at Michigan Feb 15, 1837 by the Rev Ira M Weed Mr Ezekiel Abernathy to Cornelia E Larzler [sic].”

205. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 252: “Mrs Ssuan [sic] A Larzelere Gambee Departed this life June 22 1891.”

206. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 251: “Married at Seneca Falls June 28, 1841 by the Rev Mr Pomroy Mr Jacob G Gambee to Susan Ann Larzler [sic].”

207. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 252: “Mr. Daniel D Larzere Departed this life March 4, 1859.”

208. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 251: “Married at Michigan Sep 13, 1837 by the Rev Ira M Weed Mr Daniel D. Larzelere to Miss Clarissa Gould.”

209. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 250, has her birth 8 December 1816, apparently an error since it conflicts with the birth of Jacob Brown, and is not supported by the Bible record in the footnote on the same page. Furthermore, on p. 252, another Bible record, the William B. Woodruff Bible, is quoted: “Emily L., daughter of Wm. and Susan W. Larzelere was born Dec. 14, 1814.”

210. A two-page genealogy of Emily Larzelere, by Mark Woodruff, citing: “the Papers of Mabel Woodruff (in possession of Mark Woodruff, Odessa, TX). These papers are primarily handwritten notes Miss Woodruff made from family bibles, personal recollections and other memorabilia while collaborating with Ceylon Newton Woodruff for the compilation of *Woodruff Chronicles*”; Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 252: “Mrs Emily L Woodruff Departed this life March 25, 1873.”

211. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 251: “Married at Seneca Falls Nov. 11, 1835 by the Rev Mr Adams M. B F Woodruff to Miss Emily Larzere.”

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born 10 July 1808, Fayette, Seneca Co., N.Y., son of Benjamin and Freelove (Sanford) Woodruff,^[212] and died 14 Jan. 1894, Rockwood, Brown Co., Michigan.^[213] This was Benjamin's second marriage.

Children:^[214]

Mary Amelia⁵ Woodruff, born 30 Aug. 1836, Brownstown Twp., Brown Co., Michigan, died 26 Nov. 1884, Flat Rock, Brown Co., married 2 Oct. 1860, Flat Rock, William Button.

Marie Theresa⁵ Woodruff, born 3 Feb. 1838, Brownstown Twp., died 22 Mar. 1923, Lincoln Co., Ore., married – Stark.

Parrish Lovejoy⁵ Woodruff, a son, born 4 Mar. 1840, Brownstown Twp., died 17 Mar. 1840, Brownstown Twp.

?Emily May⁵ Woodruff.^[215]

William Benjamin⁵ Woodruff, born 25 Aug. 1841,^[216] Brownstown Twp., died 13 Jan. 1926, Monroe, Michigan, married 24 June 1874 Martha J. Falkenburg.

Quincy Adams⁵ Woodruff, born 8 June 1844, Brownstown Twp., died 27 Dec. 1914, Rockwood, Brown Co., married Mary Ann Gregory.

Julia E.⁵ Woodruff, born 18 Apr. 1847, Brownstown Twp., died 24 July 1873, Rockwood, Brown Co.

Sanford⁵ Woodruff, a son, born 29 Sept. 1848, Brownstown Twp., died 11 Feb. 1849, Brownstown Twp.

Aaron⁵ Woodruff, born 16 June 1851, Brownstown Twp., died 18 Dec. 1886, Rockwood.

212. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 252–53, the William B. Woodruff Bible record.

213. Two-page genealogy of Emily Larzelere, by Mark Woodruff.

214. Two-page genealogy of Emily Larzelere, by Mark Woodruff; Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 252, the William B. Woodruff Bible: “Benjamin F., son of Benj and Freelove Woodruff, was born July 10 A.D. 1808.” Freelove's surname appears on p. 253, but not in a Bible record.

215. Two-page genealogy of Emily Larzelere, by Mark Woodruff, states, “I suspect she was not a child of Emily Larzelere Woodruff. Benjamin F. Woodruff's first wife was Mary Edwards and the couple had one daughter, Emily. Both mother and daughter died before B. F's marriage to Emily Larzelere.”

216. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 253, gives 25 August 1831, but since the births are listed otherwise in order, the 1831 must be an error for 1841; this is corroborated by Mark Woodruff's two-page genealogy.

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Seward A.⁵ Woodruff, a son, born 1854,^[217] Brownstown Twp., died 24 Nov. 1872, Rockwood.

Inez May⁵ Woodruff, born 7 May 1858, Brownstown Twp., Brown Co., Michigan, died 27 June 1937, Portland, Oregon,^[218] married about 1893 Dwight C. Branch.

- 79 vii **JACOB BROWN⁴ LARZELERE**, born 3 Aug. 1816, died 5 July 1892,^[219] married 2 Nov. 1841, Varick, Seneca Co., N.Y.,^[220] **ANN EVELINA YOST**.

In 1870 Jacob B. Larzelere, 54, a farmer born in New York with \$24,000 and \$3,000 in real and personal estates (resp.), resided in Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., N.Y., with his wife, Annie "S.," 51, born in Pennsylvania, and with "Isareal" T., 22, a farm laborer born in New York with \$200 personal estate, and a domestic servant, Clara Howe, 15, born in New York. Next door resided Peter and Rachael Bockoven, 84 and 80, both born in New Jersey.^[221]

- 80 viii **AARON RIGGS⁴ LARZELERE**, born 18 Mar. 1819, died 11 Jan. 1892,^[222] married 22 Dec. 1847, Seneca Falls,^[223] **ANNA PAINE**. Aaron does not appear in the Bible record.

- 81 ix **PHEBE EVALINA⁴ LARZELERE**, born 29 Dec. 1821, died 19 June 1853, married 25 Mar. 1849, Canoga, Seneca Co., N.Y.,^[224] **JOSEPH A. MCKEE**. Phebe does not appear in the Bible record.

They had a son, William L.⁵ McKee, who died 10 Dec. 1852.^[225]

217. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, has 1858.

218. Two-page genealogy of Emily Larzelere, by Mark Woodruff, cites funeral record in Mark's possession.

219. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 252: "Jacob Brown Larzler Departed this life July 5, 1892."

220. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 251: "Married at Varick Nov. 2, 1841 by the Rev Mr D Walters Mr Jacob B Larzler to Miss Ann Evelina Yost."

221. U.S. census, 1870, Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., N.Y., r. 1093, p. 247, dw. 1195, fam. 1230. The Bockovens resided in dw. 1196.

222. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 252: "Aaron Riggs Larzler Departed this life Jan 11, 1892."

223. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 251: "Married at Seneca Falls Dec. 22, 1847 by the Rev Mr Arnold Mr Aaron R Larzele [sic] to Miss Anna Paine."

224. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 251: "Married at Canoga March 25 1849 by the Rev Mr Calb Cherry Mr. Joseph A Mekee (McKee) to Phebe E Larzeler [sic]."

225. Woodruff, *Woodruff Chronicles*, 252.

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FOURTH GENERATION

46. JOSEPH⁴ RIGGS (₂₁Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹)^[226] was born 2 July 1796, Amity, Washington Co., Pa.,^[227] died 28 July 1877, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, and was buried 31 July 1877 in Greenlawn Cem., Portsmouth.^[228] He married 8 Dec. 1819, Adams Co., Ohio,^[229] **REBECCA GIBSON BALDRIDGE**, who was born 20 Feb. 1801 (calculated), Virginia, died 2 or 3 Apr. 1862, aged 61 years 1 month 13 days, and buried with her husband.^[230]

In 1850 Joseph Riggs, 54, a merchant born in Pennsylvania with \$35,000 worth of real estate, resided in Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, with Rebecca, 49, born in Virginia, and with James, 22, a clerk, Martha, 20, “Stipem,” 18, Samuel, 16, “Jo^s.” E., 13, C. H., 10, male, and A. B., 8, male, all seven born in Ohio, and Ann Davis, born in Wales.^[231]

In 1860 Joseph Riggs, 64, a “Gentleman” born in Pennsylvania with \$20,750 and \$370 worth of real and personal estates, respectively, resided in Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, with Rebecca, 60, born in Virginia, in the household of Stephen B. Riggs, 27 (q.v.).^[232]

226. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 80, mentions “Brother Joseph Riggs.”

227. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 31, “Grandfather Riggs in 1868 wrote an autobiographical sketch with reminiscences which was found in his desk after his death. There were rather complete accounts of his life published in the Portsmouth [Ohio] papers.” And “Grandfather’s manuscript opened with the statement that he was born July 2nd, 1796 in Amity, Washington Co., Pa.”

228. *Find a Grave*, no. 92462975, gravestone photograph, by David Brown, Greenlawn Cem., Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, “Joseph Riggs | born | July 2, 1796 | died | July 28, 1877 | J. Riggs.”

229. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 35, from the autobiography: “About this time I became acquainted with my dear, and only, wife, then Miss Rebecca G. Baldrige . . . and on the 8th day of Dec. 1819, we were married by the Rev. William Williamson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of West Union.”

230. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 39, from the autobiography; *Find a Grave*, no. 92462979, gravestone photograph, by David Brown, Greenlawn Cem., Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, “Rebecca [G.?] | wife of | Joseph Riggs | died | April 2, 1862 | aged | 61 yrs. 1 mo 13 ds.” [on same monument with Joseph Riggs].

231. U.S. census, 1850, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, r. 727, p. 205, dw. 419.

232. U.S. census, 1860, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, r. 1033, p. 452, dw. 766, fam. 792. The information about Joseph is on the wrong line, on the line below his name.

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In 1870 Joseph Riggs, 74, a retired financier born in Pennsylvania with \$25,000 and \$4,000 worth of real and personal estates, respectively, resided in Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, with Martha Robinson, 42, born in Ohio, and Jennie Robinson, 13, born in Ohio. Next door were Mary Riggs, 42, born in West Virginia, with James Riggs, 13, born in Ohio with \$2,000 and \$250 estates, respectively, and with Amelia Parker, 61, born in Pennsylvania, "living with daughter."²³³ Martha was probably Joseph's daughter, and Mary (Parker) was probably the widow of his son, James.

An obituary for Joseph:

Joseph Riggs one of the early citizens of the town now City of Portsmouth died at the residence of his daughter, on East Second street last Saturday at 8 o'clock from old age and general debility. The deceased was born in Washington county, Pa., July 2nd 1796. He removed with his parents to Steubenville, O., in 1809. Eight years later he worked his way down to Manchester, O., on a flat boat loaded with produce for New Orleans. From Manchester he walked to West Union and found employment as clerk in a bank just opened. In 1820 the bank closed and Mr. Riggs found other employment until 1824. He was appointed Auditor of Adams county and was thrice elected to the same office. In 1830 he was elected to the Ohio Senate and at the expiration of his term of office 1838 he removed to Hanging Rock engaging in [the?] iron manufacturing business. In the fall of 1835 he removed to Portsmouth where he resided until the time of his death. In 1837 he was elected to the Town Council and with inter[rup]tions he served as Councilman for nine years. . . . He was [?] re-elected County Surveyor, and once County Infirmary Director. . . .

The subject of this sketch united with the Presbyterian Church in 1820 and was an elder of the church for [?]9 years. He was for many years an elder and member of the First Presbyterian Church but after the completion of the Second Presbyterian Church he became a member and an elder of it.

He was married Dec. 8th 1819 to Rebecca J. Baldrige who died April 2d, 1862. They had twelve children, two of whom died in infancy and one James Riggs, was killed in 1857 by the ditching of a train upon which he was traveling. His surviving children are Rebecca Ann Kendall of California,

233. U.S. census, 1870, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, r. 1265, p. 630, dw. 99, fam. 105. Mary Riggs resided in dw. 98.

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Eliza Jane, wife of L. N. Robinson, living on Fourth street, Harriet widow of Robert Dunlap, Second street, Stephen B., Samuel, and Joseph E., Kansas, Chas. A. [sic], Pittsburg, and Rev. Alexander B., Fort Plain, New York.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. H. A. Ketchum last Tuesday, and the remains were followed by the many relatives and friends of the family to their last resting place in Green Lawn Cemetery.^[234]

Children:^[235]

- 82 i **REBECCA ANN**⁵ **RIGGS**, married — **KENDALL**, and was alive at her father's death in 1877 (see Joseph's obituary).
- 83 ii **ELIZA JANE**⁵ **RIGGS**, married **L. N. ROBINSON**, and was alive at her father's death in 1877 (see Joseph's obituary).
- 84 iii **MARY AGNEW**⁵ **RIGGS**, probably one of the two children who died in infancy (see the obituary).
- 85 iv **HARRIET LONGLEY**⁵ **RIGGS**, married **ROBERT DUNLAP**, and was a widow at her father's death in 1877 (see Joseph's obituary).
- + 86 v **JAMES WILLIAM**⁵ **RIGGS**, born 1 Nov. 1827, Ohio, married **MARY E. TAYLOR [PARKER]**, and had two children.
- 87 vi **MARTHA B.**⁵ **RIGGS**, born 10 Mar. 1830, Ohio, married **JOSHUA V. ROBINSON**, who died 23 Mar. 1862, and had one child: Jennie² Robinson, born about 1857, Ohio.
- + 88 vii **STEPHEN BALDRIDGE**⁵ **RIGGS**, born 17 Aug. 1832, Ohio, married **EVADNE WITHERS**, and had six children.
- + 89 viii **SAMUEL AGNEW**⁵ **RIGGS**, born 1 Mar. 1835, Hanging Rock, Lawrence Co., Ohio, married **CATHARINE DOANE EARLE**, and had one child.
- 90 ix **JOSEPH EDMUND**⁵ **RIGGS**, born 31 Aug. 1837, Ohio. Joseph E. Riggs, 27, resided with his brother, Samuel, in 1865 in Lawrence, Kans. (q.v.).
He was alive at his father's death in 1877 and living in Kansas (see Joseph's obituary).
- 91 x **CHARLES HENRY**⁵ **RIGGS**, born 13 Feb. 1840, Ohio, married **ALICE NANCY HURD**, and had **xxx** children. He was alive at his father's death in 1877 and living in Pittsburgh (see Joseph's obituary).

234. Obit., "Another Pioneer Gone," *Portsmouth Times*, Ohio, Saturday, 4 Aug. 1877, image online at *Find a Grave* entry for Joseph (q.v.), provided by Gloria Kidder.

235. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 42.

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- + 92 xi **ALEXANDER BROWN⁵ RIGGS**, born 21 June 1842, Ohio, married **CHARLOTTE B. RICHARDSON**, and had three children.
- 93 xii **EMMA⁵ RIGGS**, was one of the two children who died in infancy (see the obituary). She was born 5 Dec. 1844 (calculated), died 27 Jan. 1848, aged 3 years 1 month 22 days, and was buried with her parents.^[236]

48. HANNAH⁴ RIGGS (₂₁Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹) was born 30 Dec. 1799,^[237] Sandy Creek, Mercer Co., Pa. She married 1 Sept. 1818, Jefferson Co., Ohio,^[238] **PETER ECKLEY**, who was born about 1790, Pennsylvania, son of Peter and Esther (Ralph) Eckley, and died before the 1870 census in Hillsboro, Highland Co., Ohio, as argued below.^[239] The strongest reasons for believing that this Hannah was sister to Stephen Return Riggs is that that she and Peter Eckley migrated to Jefferson Co., Ohio, as did her famous brother, and that furthermore, Obadiah Jennings married Hannah and Peter, while his father Jacob Jennings married Hannah's parents. Also, Hannah's sisters, Margaret and Harriet, were both married by Obadiah Jennings.

The argument that Peter was the son of Peter and Esther (Ralph) Eckley stems primarily from the following excerpt from an 1891 history of Carroll Co., Ohio, and its biography of Gen. Ephraim Ralph Eckley. I've added footnotes for some of the items when proof was found for them. For other items caution should be exercised:

236. *Find a Grave*, no. 96911511, gravestone photograph, by David Brown, Greenlawn Cem., Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, "Emma | daughter of | J. & [R. G.] Riggs | died | Jan. 27, 1848 | aged | 3Ys. 1Mo. 22Ds." [on same monument with Joseph Riggs].

237. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 24–25, cites family Bible record which I have not seen.

238. Marriage certificate, Jefferson Co., Ohio, "I do hereby certify that in pursuance of a permission for that purpose granted I did on the first day of september instant solemnize a marriage between and did unite together as husband and wife Peter Eckley and Hannah Riggs both of Jefferson County Ohio—Given under my hand the [1st] day of September A.D. 1898 | Obadiah Jennings Paster of the Presbyterian Church in Steubenville | To the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Jefferson County Ohio," digital photocopy courtesy of Randall Eckley, email 2 Dec. 2013; also image online at *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–1994*, GS 900072.

239. The argument was provided primarily by Randall⁸ Eckley, my correspondent on this family.

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The first of the family [Eckley] to come to America was John, who remained for a time in New York, and then moved to New Jersey. He had five sons, viz.: Barnabas, who became the founder of a large mercantile business in Boston, Mass.; John, who was chief justice of the courts of Pennsylvania;^[240] Ephraim, who changed the spelling of the name to “Akley,” was hanged in Long Island by the Tories (he was the grandfather of Prof. Akley, of Cleveland, Ohio); Peter, the grandfather of Gen. Eckley, and Joseph, who was with Washington at the capture of Trenton, and accompanied Crawford as a lieutenant on his expedition against Sandusky Indians, and was supposed to have been killed.^[241] These brothers were all engaged in the Revolutionary War, Peter as a member of the New Jersey troops. At the battle of Harlem Plains he was shot in the leg, from which he never fully recovered. These brothers had a sister, named Elizabeth, who married Major Callaway, a particular friend of Daniel Boone, of Kentucky. . . . In New Jersey Peter Eckley was married to Esther, daughter of Thomas Ralph,^[242] who had a son (Ephraim) an officer in the Revolution, and who was wounded at the battle of Princeton. The Ralphs moved to Westmoreland County, Penn., where Ephraim Ralph joined Col. Lockry’s expedition against the Indians. There were two detachments of troops, Ralph being second in command. The first detachment, under Lockry, led the advance, and the second was to land on a given signal. Simon Girty, the renegade white chief of the Indians, ambushed the first, exterminating it, and having discovered the signal for the

240. *Martin’s bench and bar of Philadelphia* . . . , image online, Justices of the Peace, 29, “1687—Appointed 18th 3d mo.; 1 C. R., 162—John Eckley, . . .,” also appointed in 1688, 1689–1690.

241. <en.wikipedia.org> (downloaded 28 Jan. 2014) for William Crawford (soldier): “After his election as commander of the expedition, Crawford led about 500 volunteers deep into American Indian territory with the hope of surprising them. However, the Indians and their British allies at Detroit had learned about the expedition in advance, and brought about 440 men to the Sandusky to oppose the Americans. After a day of indecisive fighting, the Americans found themselves surrounded. During a confused retreat, Crawford and dozens of his men were captured. The Indians executed many of them . . . Crawford’s execution was brutal; he was tortured for at least two hours before he was burned at the stake.” Wikipedia is not offered as proof, but only as supporting evidence.

242. *Md., Births and Christenings Index, 1662–1911*, Esther Ralph, born 30 Apr. 1757, Stepney Parish, Somerset Co., Md., daughter of Thomas Ralph and Charity Callaway [FHL 14416]. So it appears that two Ralph children married Callaways. See my Riggs, Vol. 1, about Bethuel Riggs for connections between the Boones, Riggses, and Callaways.

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second detachment to land, he gave it, and on their arrival he surrounded them, killing all, including Ralph^[243]

The grandparents [Peter and Esther] of our subject [Ephaim Ralph Eckley] remained some time in Pennsylvania,^[244] and in about the year 1800 they came to what is now the State of Ohio, whither their eldest son had preceded them.^[245] They finally settled in Richland County, same State,^[246] where they died, the grandfather at the age of eighty years, and the grandmother when ninety-two years old. They had a family of eleven children, the record of whom is as follows: Lydia died at the age of twenty; Ephraim was the father of Gen. Eckley; Joseph died in Pennsylvania; George died in Illinois;^[247] Esther, wife of William Neely, in Illinois;^[248] Peter [who married Hannah Riggs] died in Hillsboro, Ohio;^[249] Charity is the deceased wife of Lewis Hardenbrook, of Mount Gilead, Ohio;^[250] Thomas died in Carroll County, Ohio; Eleanor is the deceased wife of Bartley Finley, of Mount Gilead, Ohio;^[251] Levi was at one time a member of the State Senate of Georgia, and afterward lieutenant-governor of the State, thence moved to Illinois and from there to San Francisco, Cal., where he kept a hotel and died; John was in Iowa when last heard from.

243. <en.wikipedia.org> (downloaded 28 Jan. 2014) for Simon Girty: “Girty was present during the torture and execution of Continental Army Colonel William Crawford by Native American leader Captain Pipe.” Wikipedia is not offered as proof, but only as supporting evidence.

244. Return of State Tax for the County of Westmoreland [Pa.], for the Year 1786, *Pennsylvania Archives*, 22:499, image online at <www.fold3.com>, lists Peter Eckley.

245. US census, 1820, Vermilion Twp., Richland Co., Ohio, r. 92, p. 215, lists Ephraim Eckley, 26–45, with one woman 26–45, four boys under 10, three boys and one girl 10–16. Same page as George Eckley, “Barkly” Finley, William Neely, Peter “Vangilder,” and John “Vangilder.”

246. US census, 1820, Vermilion Twp., Richland Co., Ohio, r. 92, p. 217, lists Peter Eckley, over 45, with one woman over 45, and one male, 18–26.

247. US census, 1820, Vermilion Twp., Richland Co., Ohio, r. 92, p. 215, lists George Eckley, 26–45, with one woman 16–26, one boy and two girls under 10, two boys 10–16.

248. US census, 1820, Vermilion Twp., Richland Co., Ohio, r. 92, p. 215, lists William Neely, over 45, with one woman 26–45, two boys and one girl under 10, two boys 10–16.

249. See the 1860 census in this sketch which is the last one to record Peter Eckley, 70, who resided with Hannah then in Hillsborough, Highland Co., Ohio.

250. <en.wikipedia.org> (downloaded 28 Jan. 2014) for Mount Gilead, Ohio: “The first settler to make Mount Gilead (Mt. Gilead) home was Lewis Hardenbrook, in 1817.” It is county seat now of Morrow Co., formed in 1848 from Marion, Knox, Richland, and Delaware counties. Wikipedia is not offered as proof, but only as supporting evidence.

251. US census, 1820, Vermilion Twp., Richland Co., Ohio, r. 92, p. 215, lists “Barkly” Finley, 18–26, with one woman 16–26, and one girl under 10.

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Ephraim Eckley grew to manhood on his father's farm, and when Ohio was yet a Territory he came hither, becoming a river trader, in the plying of which vocation he made no less than twenty-two trips to New Orleans. He was wedded to Sarah Van Gilder, a descendant of an old Dutch family, ship-builders at Cape May, for whom a square in New York City is named. . . . The parents of Mrs. Sarah (Van Gilder) Eckley died, the father in Allegheny County, Penn., and the mother in what is now Richland County, Ohio, whither she had come in 1816, when this region was a wilderness. She was twice married, and by her first husband, Jeremiah Van Gilder, she had five children—two sons and three daughters—who all lived to great ages: Sarah, the mother of Gen. Eckley, died aged ninety; Sophia, died aged eighty-six; Margaret, died, died earlier in life; John, died aged eighty-three;^[252] Peter died earlier in life.^[253] Until 1814 the Eckleys remained in what is now Jefferson County, Ohio, and then six families moved to Mohican Valley, the Van Gelders following in 1816. Later they (the Eckleys) proceeded to Olney, Ill.,^[254] where the father of our subject died in 1863, at the age of eighty-four years,^[255] and the mother in 1870, aged ninety.^[256] They were the parents of

252. US census, 1820, Vermilion Twp., Richland Co., Ohio, r. 92, p. 215, lists John "Vangilder," 26-45, with one woman 26-45, two boys and three girls under 10.

253. US census, 1820, Vermilion Twp., Richland Co., Ohio, r. 92, p. 215, lists Peter "Vangilder," 26-45, with one woman 16-26, one boy and one girl under 10, and one boy 10-16.

254. US census, 1850, Clay and Richland, Richland Co., Ill., r. 125, p. 170A, dw. [?], fam. 1250., lists "Ephraigm" Eckley, 70, born Pa., and Sarah, 69, born N.J.; US census, 1860, Madison, Richland Co., Ill., r. 222, p. 181, dw. 1262, fam. 1267, lists "Eph" Eckley, 80, born Pa., Sarah, 78, born N.J. Olney, Ill., is located in Richland Co., Ill.

255. *Find a Grave*, no. 45241935, gravestone photograph, by Jim Michels, Richland Cem., Calhoun, Richland Co., Ill., "Ephraim Eckley | died | Mar. 9, 1863 | In the 87 y[r?] of | [stone broken here] his age." This probably means that he was 86 years old, implying birth in 1777. The site gives his birth, [unsourced](#), as 14 Dec. 1777, Westmoreland Co., Pa.

256. *Find a Grave*, no. 45241965, gravestone photograph, by Jim Michels, Richland Cem., Calhoun, Richland Co., Ill., "Sarah | wife of | E. Eckley | Died | [?]pt. 5, 1870 | [stone broken here] 89 [?]." The site claims that the inscription is "w/o E. Eckley, age 89y 2m 2d" and that the death date is 5 Sept. 1870; *Early Van Gelder Families in the U.S.A.*, 24, lists as first child of Jeremiah⁴ Vn Gelder (who died in Mifflin Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., 1793) and his wife Sarah Sharp (who died in Richland Co., Ohio), a daughter born in Cape May Co., N.J., "Sarah (Sally)⁵ b. 1781; mar. Ephraim Eckley. She died, aged 90, in Richland County, Ohio." The 1945 Van Gelder genealogy is [unsourced](#).

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seven children, viz.: . . . Ephraim Ralph, the subject proper of this commemorative sketch.^[257]

Further evidence for the argument above is that the name “Ralph” appears again and again in the progeny.

The Olive Presbyterian Church, Sharon, Olive Twp., Morgan Co., Ohio, was founded 7 Aug. 1831, with Peter Eckley as a ruling Elder. Hannah Eckley was an original member. The church was incorporated 7 Mar. 1836, and the last mention of Peter in its records is 15 Nov. 1847.^[258] Peter was the clerk of the baptisms listed below.

In 1809, 1810, 1816, 1817, 1818, and 1819 Peter Eckley paid taxes in Island Creek Twp., Jefferson Co., Ohio.^[259]

In 1829 and 1830 Peter Eckley paid taxes in Ross Twp., Jefferson Co., Ohio.^[260]

In a 1900 article called “The Pathfinders of Jefferson County, O.” is this description of Peter’s schoolteacher activities there:

About 1820, under a then new law, townships were districted and school houses built; but still the distilleries outnumbered the school houses four to one. The first school house in our neighborhood [Bacon Ridge] was built . . . and then a marked improvement was noticed both in schools and teachers. Samuel McCutcheon and Henry Crabbs continued to wield the birch, and after them came Peter Eckley (uncle of Hon. E. R. Eckley of Carrollton).^[261]

257. Commemorative Biographical Record of Harrison and Carroll Cos., Ohio, 782-787.

258. Records of the Congregation of Olive.

259. *Ohio, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1790-1890*, 1809 and 1810, Peter Eckley, Island Creek Twp., Jefferson Co., tax lists; *Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850*, Island Creek Twp., Jefferson Co., 1816, “Eckley Peter —50 2 7 14 — Jefferson — 75 —”; *Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850*, Island Creek Twp., Jefferson Co., 1817, “Eckley Peter —50 2 7 14 — Jefferson — 75 —”; *Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850*, Island Creek Twp., Jefferson Co., 1818, “Eckley Peter —50 2 7 14 NE Jefferson — 50 —”; *Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850*, Island Creek Twp., Jefferson Co., 1819, “Eckley Peter 2 years Tax—50 2 7 14 NE Jefferson 1 53 —.”

260. *Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850*, Ross Twp., Jefferson Co., 1829; *Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850*, Ross Twp., Jefferson Co., 1830.

261. Hunter, *Pathfinders of Jefferson County*, 207. This article also mentions Cyrus Riggs, pp. 201-202.

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The connection to Ephraim Ralph Eckley is further clarified by this excerpt from a 1921 biography of Judge Harvey J. Eckley, much of which appears to have been copied almost verbatim from the more extensive 1891 biography quoted above. Harvey was an editor of the 1921 book, so the details about his immediate family can be taken as fact. I've added footnotes for other items when proof was found for them:

Judge Eckley was born at Carrollton, October 29, 1845, and is a son of the late General Ephraim R. Eckley and Martha L. (Brown) Eckley. . . .

Peter Eckley was wounded during his Revolutionary service. Peter Eckley after his marriage for some years lived in Western Pennsylvania^[262] and about 1800 came to Ohio, then part of the Northwest Territory. They spent their last years in Richland County,^[263] where Peter died at the age of eighty and his wife at ninety-two. . . .

General Ephraim R. Eckley was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, December 9, 1811, and lived to the venerable age of ninety-seven. He was the last living congressman of the Congress that served under President Lincoln. His early life was one of typical pioneer environment and influences, including the traditional log schoolhouses of the time. He came to Carroll County in 1833, *taught school for a time* [my emphasis], read law, and subsequently did some surveying in Northern Ohio around Mansfield. He returned to Carrollton in the fall of 1836 and that city remained his home the rest of his long and eventful life. He began practice in the fall of 1837, and prior to the war served as a member of the State Senate and also of the Lower House. He was a leader in the Whig party, and was a delegate to the convention which nominated Fremont in 1836 as the first Republican candidate for President. Early in the Civil war he was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the 26th Ohio Infantry, later was promoted to Colonel of the 18th Regiment, and was in active service with his regiment in Kentucky and Tennessee until the spring of 1863, when he resigned his commission and returned to Carrollton. In the fall of 1863 he began his first term in Congress, and was in Congress six years, including the last three years of the war and four years of the important reconstruction era. Of his five children Judge

262. *Pa., Tax and Exoneration, 1768–1801*, South Huntingdon, Westmoreland Co., Pa., lists Peter Eckley in 1783; *Pa. Septennial Census, 1779–1863*, Westmoreland Co., lists Peter Eckley in 1786.

263. US census, 1820, Vermillion, Richland Co., Ohio, r. 92, p. 217, lists Peter Eckley, 000101 00001. So both he and his wife were over 45, meaning they had both been born before 1775.

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Eckley is the only surviving son. One of the sons died in infancy, and the other William, served as a captain in the Civil War, and later while a lieutenant in the Regular Army died in New Mexico in 1867. . . .

July 10, 1879, at Carrollton, he [Judge Harvey J. Eckley] married Anna M. McCoy, daughter of Judge and Mrs. William McCoy of Carrollton. . . . Judge and Mrs. Eckley have two children. The daughter, Gretchen McCoy,^[264] is the wife of Fred G. Craig of Cambridge, Ohio. The son, Frederick R. Eckley^[265] married Mary May of Columbus, Ohio.^[266]

This is the *Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress* entry for Ephraim Ralph Eckley, of the state of Ohio, which backs up much of the above account:

a Representative from Ohio; born near Mt. Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio, December 9, 1811; moved with his parents to Hayesville, Ohio, in 1816; attended the common schools and was graduated from Vermillion Institute, Hayesville, Ohio; moved to Carrollton, Carroll County, Ohio, in 1833 and taught school; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1836 and commenced practice in Carrollton; member of the State senate 1843–1846, 1849, and 1850; unsuccessful candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Ohio in 1851; served in the State house of representatives 1853–1857; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1853 to the United States Senate; delegate to the first Republican National Convention at Philadelphia in 1856; during the Civil War served in the Union Army as colonel of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and also of the Eighteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; brevetted brigadier general; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, and Fortieth Congresses (March 4, 1863–March 3, 1869); was not a candidate for re-nomination in 1868; resumed the practice of law in Carrollton, Carroll

264. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Gretchen M. Eckley, born 7 Apr. 1880, Carrollton, Carroll Co., Ohio, parents Harvey J. Eckley and Anna M. McCoy, FHL 333246.

265. *Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1800–1962*, Fred R. Eckley, born 14 Mar. 1887, Carrollton, Carroll Co., Ohio, parents Harvey J. Eckley and Anna M. McCoy, FHL 333246; WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918, Frederick Ralph Eckley, 30, born 14 Mar. 1887, Carrollton, Ohio, wife and one child, registered 5 June 1917, Akron, Ohio.

266. *History of Carroll and Harrison Cos., Ohio*, Eckley, Harvey J., and William Thomas Perry, eds., 2:1032–1033.

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County, Ohio, where he died March 27, 1908; interment in Grand View Cemetery.^[267]

In 1830 Peter Eckley, 40–50, resided in Ross Twp., Jefferson Co., Ohio, with a woman 30–40, one boy and one girl under 5, three boys 5–10, and one girl 10–15.^[268]

In 1840 Peter “Ecley,” 50–60, resided in Olive Twp., Morgan Co., Ohio, with a woman 40–50, two girls under 5, two boys and one girl 5–10, one boy and one girl 10–15, and one male 15–20.^[269]

In 1850 Peter “Ecley,” 60, a farmer born in Pennsylvania with \$1,500 real estate, resided in Fairfield Twp., Jefferson Co., Iowa, with Hannah, 50, born in Pennsylvania, Hester, 20, Hannah E., 14, Susan E., 11, and Wm. R., 8, all four born in Ohio.^[270]

In 1860 Peter Eckley, 70, born in Pennsylvania with \$600 real estate, resided in Hillsborough, Highland Co., Ohio, with Hannah, 60, born in Pennsylvania.^[271]

In 1870 Hannah Eckley, 71, born in Ohio, resided in Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, in the household of “Ensley” Foland, 40, a hack driver born in Indiana with \$1,400 real and \$1,000 personal estates, and “Ellen,” 36, born Ohio, Olive, 7, Lily, 5, both born in Ohio, and Verdi, 2, born in Iowa. Next door was P. L. Eckley, 46, born in Ohio with \$1,700 real and \$1,000 personal estates, and Mary, 42, born in Ohio, and two daughters, “El[cenio?],” 20, and Ella R., 10, both born in Iowa.^[272]

Known children:

267. *Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress, 1774–2005*, Ephraim Ralph Eckley, Representative, Delegate, Ohio.

268. U.S. census, 1830, Ross Twp., Jefferson Co., Ohio, r. 134, p. 53.

269. U.S. census, 1840, Olive Twp., Morgan Co., Ohio, r. 417, p. 149.

270. U.S. census, 1850, Fairfield Twp., Jefferson Co., Iowa, r. 185, p. 68A, dw. 168, fam. 169.

271. U.S. census, 1860, Hillsborough PO, Hillsborough Twp., Highland Co., Ohio, r. 986, p. 16, dw. 224, fam. 232.

272. U.S. census, 1870, Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, r. 402, p. 438B, dw. 13, fam. 13. P. S. Eckley resided in dw. 12.

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- 94 i MARGARET ANN⁵ ECKLEY, born 9 Sept. 1819 (calculated),^[273] died 1 July 1838, Olive Presbyterian Church,^[274] aged 18 years 10 months 22 days, and buried in Old Sharon Cem., Noble Co., Ohio.^[275]
- 95 ii ?OBADIAH JENNINGS⁵ ECKLEY, born 12 Jan. 1821 (calculated),^[276] Adams Co., Ohio, died 3 Mar. 1895, Highland Co., Ohio,^[277] aged 74 years 1 month 19 days, buried in Hillsboro Cem., Hillsboro, Highland Co., Ohio,^[278] married^[279] 24 Apr. 1845, Pickaway Co., Ohio,^[280] SARAH ANN YOUNG, born 2 Mar. 1824 (calculated), Maryland, died 27 Jan. 1915, aged 90 years 10 months 27 days, buried next to her husband,^[281] and had six or seven children including:^[282]

273. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, 19–20, lists her as a child of Peter and Hannah, “Margaret Ann Eckley | Birth: August 8, 1819 | Death: July 1, 1838 (with this note in script ‘md 22 Mar. 1832 Paul Coppers per DAR Vital Records of Ohio Jefferson Co.’).” The note is surely incorrect as she is buried with surname Eckley and would have been only 13 at a marriage in 1832. See note about sources on first appearance of this reference in the main sketch.

274. *Records of the Congregation of Olive*, 1 July 1838, “Margaret Ann Eckley, departed this life.”

275. *Find a Grave*, no. 23498286, gravestone photograph, by Nancy Ann Mull Buchanan, Old Sharon Cem., Noble Co., Ohio, “In | Memory of | Margaret Ann daughter | Of Peter & Hannah | Eckley who departed | this life July 1th 1838 AE 18 | years 10 mo & 22 | days.” No graveyard listed.

276. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, 19–20, lists him as a child of Peter and Hannah, “Obediah [sic] Jennings Eckley | Birth: January 14, 1821 | Death: March 4, 1895 | Married: April 24, 1845, Sarah Young.”

277. *Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854–1997*, O. J. Eckley, male, died 3 Mar. 1895, Highland Co., Ohio, GS 570611, 2:108.

278. *Find a Grave*, no. 120321471, gravestone photograph, Hillsboro Cem., Hillsboro, Highland Co., Ohio, “Our Father | O. J. Eckley | Died Mar. 3, 1895 | Aged 74 Y. 1 M. 19 D.”

279. Their full names from son Percifer’s death certificate (q.v.).

280. *Ohio Co. Marriages, 1789–1994*, image online, “Obediah” J. Eckley to Sarah Ann Young, 24 Apr. 1845, Pickaway, Ohio, GS 288394.

281. *Find a Grave*, no. 120321586, gravestone photograph, Hillsboro Cem., Hillsboro, Highland Co., Ohio, “Our Mother | Sarah Ann Eckley | Died Jan. 27, 1915 | Aged 90 Y. 10 M. 27 D.”

282. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, lists Obadiah as son of Hannah and Peter; US census, 1850, York Twp., Athens Co., Ohio, r. 660, p. 207B, dw. 570, fam. 512, lists O. J. Eckley, 29, merchant born Ohio, Sarah Ann, 26, born Md., “Persifer S.,” 4, and Sidney, 4/12, both born Ohio; US census, 1860, Hillsborough PO, Hillsborough Twp., Highland Co., Ohio, r. 986, p. 26, dw. 382, fam. 397, lists “Obidiah” J., Eckley, 39, butcher born Ohio, Sarah, 36, born Md., “Percifes,” 14, Ella, 9, Alverda, 5, and Sallie, 3, all born Ohio; US census, 1870, Madison, Orange Co., Va., r. 1669, p. 242A, dw. 399, fam. 490, lists Obadiah Eckley 49, farmer born Ohio, Sarah, 46, born Va., Ellen, 18, Alberta, 15, and Sallie, 13, all born Va.; US census, 1880,

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(1) Percifer C.⁶ Eckley, born 28 Apr. 1846, Athens Co., Ohio, died 24 Mar. 1921, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, buried 28 Mar. 1921, Woodland Cem., Dayton;^[283]

(2) Sidney⁶ Eckley, born about 1850, Ohio;

(3) Ella/Ellen⁶ Eckley, born about 1851, Ohio;

(4) Alverda/Alberta⁶ Eckley, born about 1855, Ohio;

(5) Sallie Mary⁶ Eckley, born about 1857, Ohio.

The argument for Obadiah being Hannah's son is, of course, that Obadiah Jennings, the namesake, married Hannah to Peter.

- 96 iii **STEPHEN R.⁵ ECKLEY**, born about 1822, Ohio, based on church membership on 10 June 1843,^[284] presumably at age 21, Olive Presbyterian Church.^[285] He was probably the "Step. R." Eckley, aged 28, who died 27 Nov. 1850, and was buried in the United Presbyterian Cem., Birmingham, Van Buren Co., Iowa.^[286] He was dismissed by certificate from the Olive church on 13 Dec. 1843.^[287] He married 28

Springfield, Clark Co., Ohio, ED 52, r. 999, p. 454D, dw. 284, fam. 321, lists O. J. "Ekley," 54, butcher born Ohio (father Pa., mother N.J.), wife, Sarah Ann, 56, born Md. of Va. natives, daughter, Sallie Mary, 22, born Ohio; US census, 1900, Hillsboro, Highland Co., Ohio, ED 118, r. 1286, p. 171, sh. 22B, dw. 521, fam. 559, lists Sarah A Eckley, 76, widow born Feb. 1824, Va. (father Va., mother Va.), 7 children, 4 surviving, married 55 years [crossed out]; US census, 1910, Hillsboro, Liberty Twp., Highland Co., Ohio, ED 124, r. 1197, p. 66, sh. 5B, dw. 138, fam. 143, lists Sarah Eckley, 84, widow, born Ohio of Ohio natives, had 6 children with 2 surviving.

283. Death certificate, image online at *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 19110, Percifer C. Eckley, died 24 Mar. 1921, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, aged 74 rs. 10 mos. 24 dys., male, white, retired butcher, born 28 Apr. 1846, Athens, Ohio, buried 28 Mar. 1921, Woodland Cem., father O. Jennings Eckley, born Adams Co., Ohio, mother Sarah Ann Young, born Ohio [sic], informant Miss Nell Eckley of his residence (probably daughter).

284. *Records of the Congregation of Olive*, 10 June 1843, Stephen Eckley received by the church 10 June 1843.

285. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, 19–20, lists him as a child of Peter and Hannah, "Stephen R. Eckley | Birth: November 30, 1822 or 1832 [with 1832 marked out by hand this script attached: 'see md date,' which refers to another added script, "md 1845'] | Death: November 27, 1850 | Son: Peter."

286. *Find a Grave*, no. 96489084, gravestone photograph, by Richard K. Thompson, United Presbyterian Cem., Birmingham, Van Buren Co., Iowa, "Step. R. Eckley | died | Nov. 27, 1850 | In the 29 yr | of his age."

287. *Records of the Congregation of Olive*, 13 Dec. 1843, "Stephen R. Eckley, dismissed by Certificate. Peter Eckley, clk."

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July 1845, Coles Co., Ill.,^[288] **ELISABETH ELIZA WALKER**, born about 1822, Iowa, and had at least one child:

(1) James⁶ Eckley, born about 1848, Iowa.

- 97 iv **PETER L.⁵ ECKLEY**, born about 1824,^[289] Ohio,^[290] died 1 Jan. 1884, Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa,^[291] age 59, buried 3 Jan. 1884, West or Pleasant Grove Cem., Sigourney,^[292] married (1) 8 Mar. 1849, Van Buren Co., Iowa,^[293] **MARY JANE MARTIN**, born 26 Jan. 1829 (calculated), Ohio, died 6 Jan. 1877, aged 47 years 11 months 11 days, buried next to her husband,^[294] and had at least two children:^[295]

(1) Elzonia/Elcina⁶ Eckley, born about 1850, Iowa, married – Corbin;

(2) Ella R.⁶ Eckley, born about 1860, Iowa. See the 1850 census listing for brother Stephen.

288. *Ill. Marriages, 1815–1935*, Stephen R. Eckley to Elisabeth Eliza Walker, 28 July 1845, Coles Co., Ill., GS 1301515.

289. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, 19–20, lists him as a child of Peter and Hannah, “Peter L. Eckley | Birth: November 24, 1824 | Married: March 8, 1849.”

290. U.S. census, 1850, Birmingham, Van Buren Co., Iowa, p.898B, dw. 46, fam. 46, lists P. L. Eckley, 26, carpenter born in Ohio with \$200 real estate, Mary, 21, born Ohio, and Elzonia, 4/12, born Iowa, and Stephen Eckley, 28, tailor born Ohio with \$200 real estate, Elizabeth, 28, born Iowa, and James, 2, born Iowa, and two others.

291. *Iowa Deaths and Burials, 1850–1990*, Peter “S.” Eckley, died 1 Jan. 1884, Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, age 59, buried 3 Jan. 1884, Sigourney, born 1825, Ohio, restaurant keeper, married, GS 1005836, p. 44; Iowa Cem. Records, 1662–1999, Peter L. Eckley, born 1824, died 1 Jan. 1884, age 60, buried Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Ohio, West Cem., wife Mary J., info Co. F 8th Iowa Infantry., source Gravestone Records of Keokuk County, Iowa, p. 57.

292. *Find a Grave*, no. 100189082, gravestone photograph, Pleasant Grove Cem., Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, but I could not read the image.

293. *Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934*, Peter L. “Eckly,” 24, to Mary Jane Martin, 8 Mar. 1849, Van Buren Co., Iowa, GS 967640.

294. *Find a Grave*, no. 100189089, gravestone photograph, Pleasant Grove Cem., Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, “Mary J. | Wife of | P. L. Eckley | died | Jan. 6, 1877 | aged | 17y 11 m 11 d [shares monument with her husband].”

295. *History of Keokuk Co., Iowa*, 612, Sigourney, P. L. Eckley.

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Peter married (2) 21 May 1879, Keokuk Co., Ind.,^[296] **ISABELLA W. (–) MCKIBBEN**, born about 1831. Gloucester Co., N.J., previously married to Robert McKibben, who died 8 Oct. 1865.^[297]

- 98 v **JOSEPH RIGGS**⁵ **ECKLEY**, born 8 Oct. 1826, married 16 Oct. 1849.^[298]
- 99 vi **ESTHER/HESTER JANE**⁵ **ECKLEY**, born 31 Mar. 1829,^[299] Ohio, died 25 Apr. 1889, buried Bluff City Cem., Elgin, Cook Co., Ill.,^[300] married 21 Oct. 1856, Highland Co., Ohio,^[301] **CALDWELL KERR**,^[302] born 14 Feb. 1814, Ireland, died 26 Oct. 1893, buried Bluff City Cem. with Esther Jane. They had at least six children:
- (1) Hannah Ellen⁶ Kerr, born about 1858, Ohio;
 - (2) Margret⁶ Kerr, born about 1860, Ohio;
 - (3) Etta⁶ Kerr, born about 1862, Ohio;

296. *Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934*, P. L. Eckley, 56, to Isabella W. McKibben, born about 1831, on 21 May 1879, Keokuk Co., Iowa, GS 1005840; *U.S. General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934*, soldier Peter L. Eckley, widow Isabella W. Eckley, service F 8 Iowa Inf., invalid pension application 123134, filed 7 Mar. 1867, granted certificate 80804, widow pension application 313239, filed 26 Feb. 1884 from Iowa, granted certificate 208146.

297. *History of Keokuk Co., Iowa*, 612, Sigourney, P. L. Eckley.

298. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, 19–20, lists him as a child of Peter and Hannah, “John Riggs Eckley | Birth: October 8, 1826 | Married: October 16, 1849.” He is a plausible son only because of his middle name.

299. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, 19–20, lists her as a child of Peter and Hannah, “Esther Jane Eckley | Birth: March 31, 1829 | Married: October 21, 1856, Colwell [sic] Kerr.”

300. *Find a Grave*, no. 91167673, gravestone photograph, Bluff City Cem., Elgin, Cook Co., Ill., “Caldwell | Kerr | Feb. 14, 1814 | Oct. 26, 1893 | Esther Jane | Kerr | Mar. 31, 1829 | Apr. 25, 1889.”

301. *Ohio, Marriages, 1803–1903*, Caldwell Kerr to Esther Jane Eckley, 21 Oct. 1856, Highland Co., Ohio; *Ohio, Marriages, 1800–1958*, same info, GS 570613.

302. *Records of the Congregation of Olive*, Peter Eckley clerk: “Ester” Jane Eckley was received as a “regular member in full communion” on 25 Dec. 1846, when she would have just about reached age 18; US census, 1860, New Market, Highland Co., Ohio, r. 987, p. 275, dw. 82, fam. 82, lists “Colwell” Kerr, 40, born Ireland, Esther J., 31, born Ohio, and nine children, with probably only the last her child, Hannah E., 2, born Ohio and possibly Thomas P., 4, born Ohio; US census, 1870, New Market, Highland Co., Ohio, r. 1222, p. 254B, dw. 40, fam. 42, lists Caldwell Kerr, 53, born Ireland, Esther J. 41, born Ohio, and seven children all born Ohio, Thomas P., 14, “Ella,” 12, “Maggie,” 10, “Ettie,” 8, William, 7, “Belle,” 5, and “Artie,” 2; US census, 1880, New Market, Highland Co., Ohio, ED 50, r. 1033, p. 458B, dw. 206, fam. 210, lists Caldwell Kerr, 64, born Ireland, Esther J. 50, born Ohio, daughters, “Ellen H.,” 21, Margret, 19, and Etta, 17, son, William E., 16, daughter, Isabella R., 14, son, Arthur B., 19, all born Ohio.

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(4) William E.⁶ Kerr, born about 1863, Ohio;

(5) Isabella R.⁶ Kerr, born about 1865, Ohio;

(6) Arthur B.⁶ Kerr, born about 1868, Ohio.

Caldwell had previously married 6 Apr. 1853, Highland Co., Ohio,^[303] Eliza Jane Pogue.

- + 100 vii **THOMAS R.⁵ ECKLEY**, born 1831,^[304] Noble Co., Ohio, baptized 21 Aug. 1831, Olive Presbyterian Church, married (1) **HONOR D. HART**, and had probably nine children, married (2) **ELLA RUTH MILLS**, and had five children.
- 101 viii **JOHN CALVIN⁵ ECKLEY**, baptized 27 July 1834,^[305] Olive Presbyterian Church.^[306]
- 102 ix **HANNAH ELEANOR⁵ ECKLEY**, born about 1836,^[307] Ohio, baptized 19 Dec. 1836, Olive Presbyterian Church.^[308] She resided with her brother Thomas in 1856 in Iowa. She is the “Ellen” of the 1870 census (see sketch above), married to **EMSLEY FOLAND**, born about 1830, Indiana, with at least four children.^[309]
- (1) Olive/Viola⁶ Foland, born about 1863, Ohio;
- (2) Lily/Lillian⁶ Foland, born about 1864, Ohio;
- (3) Verdi/Alverda⁶ Foland, born about 1868, Iowa;

303. *Ohio, Marriages, 1803–1903*, Caldwell Kerr to Eliza Jane Pogue, 6 Apr. 1853, Highland Co., Ohio.

304. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, 19–20, lists him as a child of Peter and Hannah, “Thomas **Ralph** Eckley | Birth: June 5, 1831 | Married: October 30, 1852,” and lists three children: William Thomas, Margaret L., and Roma Ralph Eckley.

305. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, 19–20, lists him as a child of Peter and Hannah, “John C. Eckley | Birth: January 20, 1834 | Death: December 17, 1841.”

306. *Records of the Congregation of Olive*, 27 July 1834, “John Calvin Eckley, son of Peter and Hannah Eckley.”

307. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, 19–20, lists her as a child of Peter and Hannah, “Hannah Eleanor Eckley | Birth: August 18, 1836 | Married: November 21, 1858, Emsley Folland [sic].”

308. *Records of the Congregation of Olive*, 19 Dec. 1836, “Hannah Eleanor, daughter of Peter and Hannah Eckley.”

309. U.S. census, 1880, Fairfield, Jefferson Co., Iowa, ED 81, r. 347, p. 382A, dw. 41, fam. 46, lists Emsley Foland, 47, wagon maker born Ind. of Va. natives, wife, “Ellen,” 42, born Ohio of Pa. natives, daughters, Viola, 15, “Lilly,” 13, both born Ohio, “Alverdery,” 11, and “Alverretta,” 6, both born Iowa; Iowa census, 1885, Fairfield, Jefferson Co., Iowa, r. 209, fam. 79, line 2, lists E. Foland, 53, Hannah E., 48, Lillian, 18, Alverda, 16, and Alverretta, 10.

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- (4) Alveretta⁶ Foland, born about 1874, Iowa.
- 103 x SUSAN ELIZABETH⁵ ECKLEY, born about 1839,^[310] Ohio, baptized 18 Nov. 1839, Olive Presbyterian Church,^[311] married 31 Mar. 1859, Highland Co., Ohio,^[312] WILLIAM NEVIN, born about 1830, Ohio, and had at least five children:^[313]
- (1) Josie R.⁶ Nevin, born about 1865, Ohio;
 - (2) Frankie M.⁶ Nevin, born about 1866, Iowa;
 - (3) Jenny⁶ Nevin, born about 1868, Iowa;
 - (4) Sue L.⁶ Nevin, born about 1870, Iowa;
 - (5) [Le]Roy Chester⁶ Nevin, born 11 Aug. 1877,^[314] Iowa, died 30 Nov. 1946, San Diego Co., Calif.^[315]
- 104 xi WILLIAM REED⁵ ECKLEY, born about 1842,^[316] Ohio or Iowa, baptized 27 June 1842, Olive Presbyterian Church.^[317] N.B., William Reed, the namesake, was an important member and minister of the Olive church. William Eckley died 22 Feb. 1891,^[318] and was buried in Calvary Cem., Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio.^[319] He married

310. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, 19–20, lists her as a child of Peter and Hannah, “Susan Elizabeth Eckley | Birth: July 31, 1839 | Married: November 30 [sic], 1859, William Nevin.”

311. *Records of the Congregation of Olive*, 18 Nov. 1839, “Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Peter and Hannah Eckley.”

312. *Ohio Marriages, 1803–1900*, William Nevin to Susan E. Eckley, 31 Mar. 1859, Highland Co.

313. U.S. census, 1880, Benton Twp., Benton Co., Iowa, ED 20, r. 326, p. 91B, dw. 56, fam. 56, lists William Nevin, 50, a farmer born in Ohio, wife, “Sue,” 46, a teacher born in Ohio of N.J. and Pa. natives, daughters, Josie R., 15, born Ohio, Frankie M., 14, Jenny, 12, Sue L., 10, son, Roy, 3, all four born in Iowa.

314. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Chester LeRoy Nevin, of Richmond, Contra Costa Co., Calif., 41, born 11 Aug. 1877, electrician, nearest relative Susan Ewing (perhaps a sister), of Riverside, Riverside Co., Calif.

315. *Calif. Death Index, 1940–1997*, Roy Chester Nevin, born 11 Aug. 1877, Iowa, died 30 Nov. 1946, San Diego Co., Calif., mother’s maiden surname Eckley, father’s surname Nevin.

316. An **unsourced** genealogy, Johns, *Records of the Eckley Family in America*, 19–20, lists him as a child of Peter and Hannah, “William Reed Eckley | Birth: April 11, 1842 | Death: 1893 | Married: June 2, 1864, Margaret Setone [sic].”

317. *Records of the Congregation of Olive*, 27 June 1842, William Reed Eckley, son of Peter and Hannah Eckley, baptized.

318. *Ohio Deaths and Burials, 1854–1997*, William R. Eckley, died 22 July 1891, Day, Montgomery Co., Ohio, aged 49, born 1842, Iowa, printer, married, GS 1030827.

319. *Eckleys in Calvary Cem.*, “Eckley William R. [death date] 2/22/1891 [burial date] 2/25/1891 [age] 48 [section block lot space] 13 X 300 13.” See the bibliographic citation for details about this

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MARGARET A. CITONI [CETONI] [CETONE], born about 1842, Dayton, Ohio, died 20 June 1917, aged 75, and was buried 23 June 1917 in Calvary Cem., next to her husband.^[320] They had at least six children:^[321]

(1) Mary Louise⁶ Eckley, born 17 Nov. 1865, Dayton, Ohio, died 2 Feb. 1934, Dayton,^[322] buried 3 Feb. 1934, Calvary Cem., married Joseph Huesman;^[323]

(2) John C.⁶ Eckley, born 23 July 1868, Dayton, Ohio,^[324] died 28 Nov. 1886, aged 18, buried 30 Nov. 1886, Calvary Cem., Dayton.^[325]

(3) Anna Margaret⁶ Eckley, born 23 Feb. 1871, Dayton, Ohio, died 6 Apr. 1945, Dayton,^[326] buried 9 Apr. 1945, Calvary Cem., married – Kearns;

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320. *Eckleys in Calvary Cem.*, “Eckley Margaret [death date] 6/20/1917 [burial date] 6/23/1917 [age] 75 [section block lot space] 13 X 300 12.”

321. US census, 1880, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, ED 161, r. 1051, p. 388C, dw. 477, fam. 509, lists William R. “Ackley,” 39, born Iowa of Pa. natives, printer, wife, “Maggie,” 39, born Ohio of a father born in Italy and a mother in Ohio, daughter, “Lulu,” 15, son, John C., 11, daughters, Anna, 9, “Lonie,” 7, sons, Frank, 4, Clarence, 2, all 6 born Ohio, and the father of a neighbor.

322. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, image online, Mary Louise Huesman, died 2 Feb. 1934, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, 68, widowed, born 17 Nov. 1865, Dayton, spouse Joseph Huesman, her father William R. Eckley, born Ohio, mother Margaret A. Citoni, born Dayton, buried 3 Feb. 1934, Calvary, GS 1992989.

323. A gravestone photograph downloaded 12 Jan. 2014 from <Ancestry.com> shows a large headstone in Calvary Cem., Dayton, with four flat stones before it, one each for Joseph Huesman, Mary Huesman, Clarence A. Eckley, and Mary M. Eckley. The large stone, however, has the name Helping on it.

324. *Ohio Co. Births, 1841–2003*, image online, Eckley, male, born 23 July 1868, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, father “W^m” R.Eckley, mother “Maggie” “Cetom,” GS 1030824; US census, 1870, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, r. 1249, p. 402A, dw. 322, fam. 310, lists William R. Eckley, 27, born Iowa, journeyman printer, Margaret, 28, born Ohio, Mary Louise, 6, and John C., 1, both born Ohio.

325. *Eckleys in Calvary Cem.*, “Eckley John [death date] 11/28/1886 [burial date] 11/30/1886 [age] 18 [section block lot space] 13 X 300 11.”

326. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, image online, Mrs. Anna Margaret Kearns, died 6 Apr. 1945, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, aged 74 yrs. 1 mo. 13 dys., widowed, born 23 Feb. 1871, Dayton, her father “W^m” Eckley, born Athens, Ohio, mother Margaret Citoni, born Ohio, buried 9 Apr. 1945, Calvary, GS 1992989.

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(4) William H.⁶ Eckley, born 7 Aug. 1873, Dayton, Ohio (but the 1880 gives this child as a daughter [sic] named Lonie),^[327] died 12 Nov. 1886, aged 13, buried 14 Nov. 1886, Calvary Cem., Dayton.^[328]

(5) Frank/Francis Thomas⁶ Eckley, born 12 Nov. 1875, Dayton, Ohio,^[329] died 19 Feb. 1937, aged 61, buried 23 Feb. 1937, Calvary Cem., Dayton.^[330]

(6) Clarence Anthony⁶ Eckley, born 23 June 1878, Dayton,^[331] died 25 June 1946, Dayton,^[332] buried 29 June 1946, Calvary Cem., Dayton,^[333] married first^[334] Gertrude E. Weiher, born about 1879, died 18 July 1913, aged 34, buried 21 July 1913, Calvary Cem.,^[335] married second Mary M. —, born about 1885, buried 2 Aug. 1958, aged 63, buried beside her husband in Calvary.^[336]

327. *Ohio Co. Births, 1841–2003*, image online, Eckley, male, born 23 July 1868, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, father “W^m” R. Eckley, mother “Maggie” “Cetom,” GS 1030824.

328. *Eckleys in Calvary Cem.*, “Eckley William [death date] 11/12/1886 [burial date] 11/14/1886 [age] 13 [section block lot space] 13 X 300 10.”

329. *Ohio Co. Births, 1841–2003*, image online, “W^m” H. Eckley, born 7 Aug. 1873, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, father W. “H.” Eckley, mother Margaret “Creton,” GS 1030824.

330. *Eckleys in Calvary Cem.*, “Eckley Francis T. [death date] 2/19/1937 [burial date] 2/23/1937 [age] 75 [funeral home] Walter [church] Our Lady of Mercy [section block lot space] 13 X 300 14.”

331. *US WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1945*, image online, Clarence Anthony Eckley Sr., 63, born 23 June 1898, Dayton, Ohio, person who will always know your location Mary M. Eckley, wfile, Dayton.

332. *Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953*, image online, Clarence A. Eckley, died 25 June 1946, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, 68, born 23 June 1878, Dayton, spouse Mary, informant Mary M. Eckley, her father William Eckley, born Pa., mother Margaret Cetoni, born Italy, buried 28 June 1946, Calvary, GS 2372782.

333. *Eckleys in Calvary Cem.*, “Eckley Clarence A. [death date] 6/25/1946 [burial date] 6/29/1946 [age] 68 [funeral home] Westbrook [church] St. Anthony [section block lot space] 13 X 301 3.”

334. *Ohio County Marriages, 1789–1994*, image online, Clarence A. Eckley, 23, born Dayton, Ohio, father William R. Eckley, mother Margaret A. Cetone, to Gertrude E. Weiher, 22, born 1879, Dayton, father Christian F. Weiher, mother Mary A. Sifferman, GS 1030845.

335. *Eckleys in Calvary Cem.*, “Eckley Gertrude E. [death date] 7/18/1913 [burial date] 7/21/1913 [age] 34 [section block lot space] 13 X 300 16.”

336. *Eckleys in Calvary Cem.*, “Eckley Mary M. [birth date] 12/25/1921 [an error, copied from another Mary M in a later item] [death date] 1/30/1985 [an error, copied from another Mary M in a later item] [burial date] 8/2/1958 [age] 63 [funeral home] Westbrook [church] St. Anthony [section block lot space] 13 X 301 2.”

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51. **JANE⁴ RIGGS** (₂₁Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹) was born 19 Oct. 1805, Sandy Creek, Mercer Co., Pa., and died 1 Mar. 1888 or 1889.^[337] See Figure 9–Figure 10. She married 7 Nov. 1833, Brown Co., Ohio,^[338] **GEORGE GILLILAND POAGE** (pronounced Pogue—hard g—a derivative of Polk), who was born 18 June 1809, Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio, son of James and Mary (Woods) Poage, and who died 15 Jan. 1896.^[339]

From the *Congregational Year-Book*, 1897:

Poage, George Gilliland, son of James and Mary (Woods) Poage, was born in Ripley, O., 1809, June 18. Graduated, Ripley College, 1831. Ordained, by Chillicothe Presbytery, Bainbridge, Ohio, 1835, October; and acting pastor there, 1833–6; Lima and out stations, 1837–9; Ridge and out stations, 1839–49; Pleasant Hill, 1849–55; Wittenburg, Io., 1855–65; and of the newly organized Congregational church there, 1865–8; without charge, 1868–70; acting pastor, Logan, 1870–8; without charge, Hastings, Neb., 1878–87; Otis, Col., 1887–90; Neligh, 1890–2; Norfolk, after. Married 1833, Nov. 7, Jane, daughter of Stephen and Anna (Baird) Riggs, who died, 1888, March 1. Five children, deceased. Died of old age, 1896, Jan. 15, aged 86 years and 6 months.^[340]

In 1827 George Poage was taxed in Union Twp., Brown Co., Ohio, for two pieces of land on the Ohio River, of 10 and 20 acres, both pieces having previously been owned by James Poage, presumably his father.^[341]

337. *Portrait and Biographical Record for Jasper, Marshall and Grundy Cos., Iowa*, Chicago: Biographical Publishing Co., 1894, pp. 240, 243, xeroxed pages courtesy of Jane’s descendant James Poage, email 12 May 2022.

338. *Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774–1993*, Brown Co., 1818–1843, image 291 of 540 online, “2,124 || George G. Poage | To 17 | Jane Riggs || This day a license issued to join in marriage George G. Poage & Jane Riggs | Novr. 6th 1833- || I certify that on the 7th day of November 1833 I joined in marriage George G. Poage & Jane Riggs – | John Rankin.” D:99

339. *Portrait and Biographical Record for Jasper, Marshall and Grundy Cos., Iowa*, Chicago: Biographical Publishing Co., 1894, pp. 240, 243, xeroxed pages courtesy of Jane’s descendant James Poage, email 12 May 2022.

340. *The Congregational Year-Book, 1897*, Boston: Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, 1897, p. 36, xeroxed pages courtesy of Jane’s descendant James Poage, email 12 May 2022.

341. Brown Co., Ohio, Tax Records, 1827, image 289 of 689 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 514152, DGS 4849012, Union Twp. [see p. 1], p. 8: “[owner] Poage George | same [entry no.] 418 | 418 [original quantity] 1000 | 1000 [original proprietor] James Poage | Same [water courses] Ohio | Same [acres] 93 | 47 3/4 . . . [tax in dollars cents and mils] [0] 94 2 | 4 03 2 . . .”

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On 2 Nov. 1831, several heirs of James Poage, deceased, including “George G. Poage” (but no wife), sold for \$1 a lot of land in Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio, to Robert Poage.^[342]

In 1832 George G. Poage was taxed in Union Twp., Brown Co., Ohio, for two pieces of land on Eagle Creek, of 93 and 47.75 acres, the first piece having previously been owned by James Poage, presumably his father.^[343]

On 30 Mar. 1833, several heirs of James Poage, deceased, including “George G. Poage” (but no wife), bought for \$1 from Isaac Shepherd, of Brown Co., Ohio, his undivided part of the James Poage estate.^[344]

On 4 June 1839, several heirs of James Poage Sr., deceased, including “George G. Poage and Jane his wife,” sold to Hester Middleton, for \$150, a lot in Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio.^[345]

On 29 Sept. 1841, several heirs of James Poage Sr., deceased, including “George G. Poage and Jane his wife,” sold to William and Joseph Wylie of Brown Co., Ohio, for \$110, two lots in Ripley, Brown Co.^[346]

In 1850 George Poage, 42, “N. S. Pres Clergyman,” born in Ohio, with \$2,500 real estate, resided in Stokes Twp., Logan Co., Ohio, with Jane, 44, born in Pennsylvania, and with James, 16, Stephen Woods, 13, and Arabella, 3, all born in Ohio.^[347]

In 1860 “Geo.” G. Poage, 50, clergyman “F.P.C.,” born in Ohio, with \$2,800 real and \$445 personal estates, resided in Newton, Malaka Twp., Jasper Co., Iowa, with Jane R., 54, born in Pennsylvania, and with Stephen W., 22, and Arabella, 13, both born in Ohio, Mary J. Kilty, 9, born

342. Brown Co., Ohio, Deeds, K10:285, image 442 of 628 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 361775, DGS 8142633.

343. Brown Co., Ohio, Tax Records, 1832, image 13 of 225 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 599456, DGS 4849391, p. 8: “[N° 1 Union] [owner] Poage George G. | same [entry no.] 418 | 1343 [original quantity] 1000 | 932 [original proprietor] James Poage | David Walker [water courses] Eagle creek | same [acres] 10 | 20 . . . [tax in dollars cents and mils] 5 63 5 | 2 74 1.”

344. Brown Co., Ohio, Deeds, L11:35, image 21 of 689 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 361776, DGS 7897637.

345. Brown Co., Ohio, Deeds, R17:12, image 9 of 596 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 361779, DGS 8586158.

346. Brown Co., Ohio, Deeds, S18:394, image 500 of 596 online at <www.FamilySearch.org>, FHL 361779, DGS 8586158.

347. U.S. census, 1850, Stokes Twp., Logan Co., Ohio, r. 704, p. 61A, dw. 808, fam. 808.

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in Illinois. Next door resided James R. Poage, 25, a farmer born in Ohio, with \$165 personal estate, with Harriet E., 18, born in Ohio.^[348]

In 1870 George G. Poage, 60, a minister born in Ohio, with \$1,300 real and \$575 personal estates, resided in Newton, Malaka Twp., Jasper Co., Iowa, with Jane R., 64, born in Pennsylvania, with \$2,500 real estate.^[349]

In 1880 G. G. Poage, 70, a farmer born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Maryland, resided in Denver, Adams Co., Nebr., with his wife, Jane R., 74, born in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania. They shared a dwelling with the Q. A. Dungan family of five.^[350]

In 1885 George Poage, 76, a minister born in Ohio of Ohio natives, resided in Blaine Pct., Adams Co., Nebr., with his wife, Jane, 80, born in Pennsylvania of a father born in New Jersey and a mother in Pennsylvania. Next door was the Albert Dungan family of six, wife's name "Bell," 38, born in Ohio.^[351] Bell was Jane's daughter, Arabella, because George is listed as father-in-law.

Children:^[352]

- + 105 i **JAMES RIGGS⁵ POAGE**, born 3 Sept. 1834, Ross Co., Ohio, married **HARRIET ELIZA SCOTT**, and had nine children.
- 106 ii **STEPHEN WOODS⁵ POAGE**, born about 1837, Ohio, died May 1863, killed at the battle of Champion Hills as Captain of Company I, Tenth Iowa Infantry.
- 107 iii **GEORGE C.⁵ POAGE**, died young at age 7.
- 108 iv **MARY ANN⁵ POAGE**, died young at age 3.
- 109 v **ARABELLA⁵ POAGE**, born about 1847, Ohio, married **Q. ALBERT DUNGAN**, and had at least four children.

348. U.S. census, 1860, Newton, Malaka Twp., Jasper Co., Iowa, r. 325, p. 31, dw. 227, fam. 276, FHL 803325.

349. U.S. census, 1870, Newton, Malaka Twp., Jasper Co., Iowa, r. 398, p. 338A, dw. 6, fam. 6.

350. U.S. census, 1880, Denver, Adams Co., Nebr., ED 56, r. 743, p. 32B, dw. 46, fam. 51.

351. *Nebr., State Census Collection, 1860-1885*, 1885, image 204 of 656 online, Blaine Pct., Adams Co., Nebr., dw. 38, fam. 38.

352. *Portrait and Biographical Record for Jasper, Marshall and Grundy Cos., Iowa*, Chicago: Biographical Publishing Co., 1894, pp. 240, 243, xeroxed pages courtesy of Jane's descendant James Poage, email 12 May 2022.

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53. **STEPHEN RETURN⁴ RIGGS** (₂₁Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹) was born 23 Mar. 1812,^[353] Steubenville, Jefferson Co., Ohio, and died 24 Aug. 1883, Beloit, Rock Co., Wis.,^[354] and was buried in Oakwood Cem., Beloit.^[355] He married (1) 16 Feb. 1837, Hawley, Franklin Co., Mass.,^[356] **MARY ANN CLARK LONGLEY**,^[357] who was born 10 Nov. 1813, Hawley, Franklin Co., Mass.,^[358] daughter of Thomas and Martha (Taylor) Longley, and who died 22 Mar. 1869, Beloit,^[359] and was buried in Oakwood Cem., Beloit.^[360] He married (2) 16 May 1872^[361] **ANNA (BAKER) ACKLEY**, who was born 14 Mar. 1835, Granville, Ohio, married, first, 23 Dec. 1855^[362] Jerry W. Ackley, and died **16 Sept.** 1916, and was buried in Oakwood Cem., Beloit, Rock Co., Wis.^[363]

From a Center for Western Studies, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D., introduction to some letters by Stephen:^[364]

353. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 24–25, cites family Bible record which I have not seen.

354. Kingsbury, *History of Dakota Territory*, 5:425–26.

355. *Find a Grave*, no. 48384864, gravestone photograph, Oakwood Cem., Beloit, Rock Co., Wis., “Stephen Return Riggs | born Mar. 23, 1812. | died Aug. 24, 1833. | missionary | to the | Dakota Indians.”

356. Kingsbury, *History of Dakota Territory*, 5:425–26; Riggs, *Mary and I*, 25, 29.

357. The “Clark” in her name comes from an obituary for her son Robert Baird⁹ Riggs (*q.v.*).

358. IGI individual record Mary Ann Longley, batch C502341, cites Hawley, Mass., Town Records [FHL 886463]. It gives the mother’s name as Martha **Arms**, but from Riggs, *Mary and I*, 23, it is known that Mary’s maternal grandfather was named Taylor.

359. Kingsbury, *History of Dakota Territory*, 5:425–26; Riggs, *Mary and I*, 408, “The dear mother went to the Upper Home in March, 1869.”

360. *Find a Grave*, no. 48384959, gravestone photograph, Oakwood Cem., Beloit, Rock Co., Wis., “Mary A. C. Longley | wife of | Rev. S. R. Riggs.”

361. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 409, “In May, 1872, a new mother came in, to keep the hearthstone bright at the Beloit home”; “Benham–Gaylord Bible Records,” *Register* 89:288, “Anna B. Ackley md. Stephen R. Riggs, May 16, 1872.”

362. “Benham–Gaylord Bible Records,” *Register* 89:288, “Anna Baker, md. Jerry W. Ackley, Dec. 23, 1855.”

363. *Find a Grave*, no. 55841524, gravestone photograph, by Lauren Thomas, Oakwood Cem., Beloit, Rock Co., Wis., “Anna B. Riggs | 1835–1916.”

364. *Early Missionaries in Dakota Territory*, <www.augie.edu/cws/stephenriggs.html>, first letter is dated “Lac qui parle March 26, 1839”; “Oahe Mission Collection,” <www.augie.edu/cws/SD_UCC_guide0401.pdf>, lists the following items: “Stephen R. Riggs Papers 1836–1883 | Alfred L. Riggs Papers 1850–1916 | Thomas L. Riggs Papers 1852–1940 | Margaret Louisa Irvine Riggs

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Stephen Return Riggs was a American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (A.B.C.F.M.) missionary to the Santee in Dakota Territory from 1837 through the 1870's. Riggs was one of the first A.B.C.F.M. missionaries to work among the Native Americans and is largely responsible for the documentation of the Dakota language.

The 1849 Minnesota Territory census lists S. R. Riggs, with M. A. C., Alfred, Isabella, Martha, Anna J., Thomas L., and Henry M.^[365]

In 1850 S. R. Riggs, 38, a missionary born in Pennsylvania, resided on St. Peters River, Dakota Co., Minn. Terr. (but the next page of the census with the continuation of the family has the location Lac Que Parle and Big Stone Lake, Dakota Co.) with M. A. C. Riggs, 36, born in Massachusetts, Alfred, 12, born in Minn. [Terr.], and Isabella, 10, born in Minn. [Terr.]. On next page the family continues with (again) "Isabilla" Riggs, 10, Martha, 8, Anna J., 6, Thomas L., 4, and Henry M., 1, all born in Minnesota [Terr.].^[366]

In 1860 S. R. Riggs, 48, a minister born in Ohio with \$1,500 and \$100 worth of real and personal estates, respectively, resided in Yellow Medicine, Brown Co., Minn., with Mary L., 46, born in Massachusetts with \$500 and \$100 estates, A. L., 22, a male theology student, I. B., 29 [sic], a female teacher, M. T., 18, a male, Anna J., 15, Thomas L., 13, Henry M., 10, Robert B., 5, and M. C. O., 1, a female, all eight born in Minnesota [or Minnesota Territory].^[367]

In 1865 state census of Minnesota, Stephen R. Riggs resided in St. Anthony, Hennepin Co., with Mary, Isabella, Martha, Anna, Thomas, Henry, Robert, and Cornelia Riggs, and Julia Lufc[om?].^[368]

In 1880 Stephen Riggs, 67, a missionary born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, resided in Beloit, Rock Co., Wis., with his wife, Anna,

Papers 1835-1951 | Theodore F. Riggs Papers 1892-1957 | Mary C. Collins Papers 1847-1910."

365. Minnesota Census, 1835-90, <Ancestry.com>.

366. U.S. census, 1850, on St. Peters River, also Lac Que Parle and Big Stone Lake, Dakota Co., Minn. Terr., r. 367, pp. 6-7, dw. 15, fam. 15.

367. U.S. census, 1860, Yellow Medicine, Brown Co., Minn. Terr., r. 567, "Page No. 22," dw. 196, fam. 205.

368. Minn. census, 1865, St. Anthony, Hennepin Co., r. MNSC_2, fam. 572, census date 1 June 1865.

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45, born in Ohio of a father born in Massachusetts and a mother in Vermont, and with his son, Robert, 25, and daughter, Cornelia, 21, a teacher, both born in Minnesota [Terr.] of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Massachusetts, and Edna, 5, born in Wisconsin of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Ohio.^[369]

Children of the first marriage, to Mary Ann Longley:^[370] **[Minn. Terr. created 1849; Minn. admitted as state 1858]**

- + 110 i **ALFRED LONGLEY⁵ RIGGS**, born 6 Dec. 1837, Lac qui Parle (after 1873 in Lac qui Parle Co., Minn.),^[371] married **MARY BUEL HATCH**, and had five children.
- 111 ii **ISABELLA BURGESS⁵ RIGGS**, born 21 Feb. 1840, Lac qui Parle (after 1873 in Lac Qui Parle Co., Minn.),^[372] married 21 Feb. 1866^[373] Rev. **W. MARK WILLIAMS**, who was born 28 Oct. 1834, New London, Ohio, and had six children all born in Kalgan, China:^[374]
 - (1) Henrietta Blodget² Williams, born 25 Sept. 1867; (2) Stephen Riggs² Williams, born 22 Aug. 1870; (3) Emily Diament⁶ Williams, born 26 May 1873; (4) Mary Eliza⁶ Williams, born 3 Aug. 1875; (5) Margaret⁶ Williams and (6) Anna² Williams, both born 30 May 1878.
- 112 iii **MARTHA TAYLOR⁵ RIGGS**,^[375] born 27 Jan. 1842, Lac qui Parle (after 1873 in Lac Qui Parle Co., Minn.), married 18 Dec. 1866^[376] **WYLLYS KING MORRIS**, who was born 11 Sept. 1842, Hartford, Conn., and had five children:^[377]
 - (1) Henry Stephen² Morris, born 21 June 1868, Sterling, Minn.;
 - (2) Philip Alfred² Morris, born 4 Aug. 1872, Good Will, Dak. Terr.,

369. U.S. census, 1880, Beloit, Rock Co., Wis., ED 175, r. 1444, p. 39D, dw. 164, fam. 181.

370. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 410-12.

371. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 54, "There [their first house in Lac-qui-parle [sic]] our first three children were born."

372. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 90, "[24 Feb. 1841] Last Sabbath was Isabella's birthday."

373. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 408, "Isabella was married in February, 1866, and very soon sailed for China."

374. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 409-10.

375. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 95, "She was named 'Martha Taylor,' for the grandmother in Massachusetts."

376. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 408, "Martha was married in December of the same year [1866], and went to live in Minnesota."

377. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 411.

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and died 18 Aug. 1873, Binghamton, N.Y.; (3) Mary Theodora⁶ Morris, born 31 July 1874, Good Will, Dak. Terr.; (4) Charles Riggs⁶ Morris, born 21 June 1877, Good Will, Dak. Terr.; and (5) Nina Margaret Foster⁶ Morris, born 30 May 1879, Good Will, Dak. Terr.

- 113 iv **ANNA JANE⁵ RIGGS**, born 13 Apr. 1845, Traverse des Sioux, (to be in Minn. Terr.), and married 14 Oct. 1870^[378] **HORACE EVERETT MORGAN**, and had three children:^[379]
- (1) Marjorie⁶ Morgan, born 29 Sept. 1872, Belle Plaine, Iowa; (2) Arthur Hallam⁶ Morgan, born 28 Oct. 1875, Vinton, Iowa; and (3) Everett Longley⁶ Morgan, born 15 July 1877, Vinton, Iowa.
- + 114 v **THOMAS LAWRENCE⁵ RIGGS**, born 3 June 1847, Lac qui Parle (after 1873 in Lac qui Parle Co., Minn.), married (1) **CORNELIA MARGARET FOSTER**, and had one child, married (2) **MARGARET LOUISA IRVINE**, and had four children.
- + 115 vi **HENRY MARTYN⁵ RIGGS**, born 25 Sept. 1849, Lac qui Parle, (in what is to be Lac qui Parle Co.,) Minn. Terr., married **LUCY M. DODGE**, and had three or five children.
- 116 vii **ROBERT BAIRD⁵ RIGGS**, born 22 May 1855, Hazelwood, Minn., died 11 May 1929, Hartford, Hartford Co., Conn., was buried 13 May 1929 in Cedar Hill Cem., Hartford, married 26 June 1895 **MAIDA L. SISSON**, and had no children. From an obituary in the *Hartford Daily Courant*:

Dr. Robert Baird Riggs, Scovill professor of chemistry, emeritus, at Trinity College where he was a member of the faculty 33 years, and a former state chemist, died Saturday . . . son of Rev. Stephen Return Riggs and Mary Ann Clark (Longley) Riggs. . . . he went abroad to continue his studies and received the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1883 at Gottingen. In 1920 he was given the degree of doctor of science at Trinity College. . . .

Besides his wife, Maida L. (Sisson) Riggs whom he married June 26, 1895, he leaves two brothers, Rev. Dr. Thomas Riggs of Oahe, S.D., and Henry Riggs of Grafton, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. Julius Truesdell of Bluemont, Va.^[380]

378. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 408-9, "Anna was married in October of the same year [1870] and moved to Iowa."

379. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 411.

380. Obit., *Hartford Daily Courant*, Hartford Co., Conn., Sunday, 12 May 19[29] (the earliest year

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- 117 viii **MARY CORNELIA OCTAVIA**⁵ **RIGGS**, born 17 Feb. 1859, Hazelwood, Rice Co., Minn., married about 1882 **JULIUS A. TRUESDELL**, born Feb. 1854 (1900 census), Illinois, and had four children, including: (1) Karl R.⁶ Truesdell, born Aug. 1882, Minnesota; (2) Stephen R.⁶ Truesdell, born June 1888, Washington, D.C.; and (3) Horace W.² Truesdell, born May 1891, Washington, D.C.

Cornelia O. Riggs resided with her brother Thomas in Peoria Bottom, Hughes Co., Dak. Terr., in 1880 (*q.v.*).

In 1900 Julius A. Truesdell, 46, a reporter born Feb. 1854 in Illinois of a father born in Virginia and a mother in Wisconsin, resided in Washington, D.C., with his wife of 18 years, Cornelia R., 41, born Feb. 1859 in Minnesota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Massachusetts, and with his sons, Karl R., 17, born Aug. 1882 in Minnesota, and Stephen R., 11, born June 1888, and Horace W., 9, born May 1891, both born in the District of Columbia. Cornelia had had four children with three surviving.^[381]

In 1920 Julius Truesdell, 65, a newspaper correspondent born in Illinois of a father born in West Virginia and a mother in the U.S., resided in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Cornelia, 60, born in Minnesota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Massachusetts, and with his son, Horace, 28, a government scientific assistant born in the District of Columbia.^[382]

Child of the second marriage, to Anna Baker Ackley.^[383]

- 118 ix **EDNA BAKER** [changed to **BROWNING**]⁶ **RIGGS**, born 2 Dec. 1874, Beloit, Rock Co., Wis.

57. CYRUS CARPENTER⁴ **RIGGS** (²²*Cyrus*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹) was born 13 Apr. 1810, Mercer Co., Pa., and died 29 Aug. 1883 (see biography below). He married 13 May 1840 (biography) **MARY C. TODD**, who was born about 1813, New Jersey, daughter of Nathaniel Todd.

after 1920 having 12 May on a Sunday), photocopy courtesy Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., Cora Riggs Papers, [call no.] 7096.6x1891 Riggs, Archives and Special Collections.

381. U.S. census, 1900, Washington, D.C., ED 66, r. 161, p. 138, sh. 17A, dw. 285, fam. 404.

382. U.S. census, 1920, Washington, D.C., ED 304, r. 212, p. 206, sh. 9A, dw. 102, fam. 153.

383. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 412; Gutch, *Descendants of Stephen Return Riggs*, 81, "Edna was named Edna Baker Riggs, and changed her middle name to Browning."

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An 1887 history of the class of 1836 at Washington and Jefferson College in Pennsylvania has this biography of Cyrus:

Cyrus Carpenter Riggs, tall, spare, sharp-featured, grave in countenance, with a benevolent eye, a timid temperament and an awkward gait when in college, was born of a clerical father in Mercer County, Pa., April 13, 1810. He commenced the classics under his father and studied at a school in Georgetown, Mercer County, Pa., and entered college in 1832. He remained at home from the spring of 1833 to the fall of 1834, then graduated with his class.

He was a close and earnest student and stood among the very first scholars of the class. His unswerving integrity commanded the respect of all, though his natural timidity and the reserve born of close study made him less popular with the boys than else his social nature would have insured. After studying theology at the Western Seminary, he was licensed April 12, 1839. He went west as a missionary and was ordained in the spring of 1840. After preaching six years in Randolph County, Ill., his health failing, he returned east in 1845, became pastor of Annapolis and Richmond churches, Ohio. In 1850 his Presbytery placed him in charge of Richmond College. In the spring of 1852 he accepted a call to Sewickley church, Westmoreland County, Pa., where he labored for nine years, and then became pastor of Clarksville church and for a time of Sharon church, Mercer County, Pa. Want of health compelled him to resign in 1868. The later years of his life were devoted to teaching, so far as health allowed.

He received from his alma mater, in 1862, the "semi-lunar fardels," and wore them reluctantly but fittingly. On May 13, 1840, Riggs married Mary Todd, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Todd, of Allegheny. One son, Elliot S. Riggs, and three daughters were born to them. The daughters are Mrs. Lizzie B. Webster and Miss A. Jennie Riggs, of Oakland, Cal., and Mrs. Mary C. Dickson, Clarksville, Mercer County, Pa. . . . He died as he lived, August 29, 1883, thoroughly Christian, confident, and certain of his redemption.^[384]

Another biography, from an 1879 history of the Presbyterian Church in Illinois, offers more detail on some points:

384. The Annual of Washington and Jefferson College for 1886, 52-53.

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Cyrus C. Riggs, D. D., third son of the Rev. Cyrus Riggs . . . was born April 13, 1810, in Mercer county, Pa. He removed with his father to Scrubgrass, Venango county, Pa., in 1813. . . . May 13, 1840, he married Marcy C. Todd, only daughter of Rev. Nathaniel and Elizabeth Todd. . . . Dr. Riggs had four children, one son and three daughters. The eldest, Elizabeth B., is married to Dr. L. R. Webster, and resides in Grass Valley, Nevada county, Cal. The second, Elliott Swift, is unmarried and a physician in Allegheny City, Pa. The third, Mary Content, is married to Thomas P. Dickson, and resides near Clarksville, Mercer county, Pa. The youngest, Achsah Jane, is unmarried and resides with her parents at Beaver Falls, Pa.^[385]

In 1850 Cyrus C. Riggs, 40, a “Minister O. S. Pres. C.” born in Pennsylvania, resided in Salem Twp., Jefferson Co., Ohio, with Mary C., 37, born in New Jersey, and with “Eliza” B., 9, and “Elliott” S., 7, both born in Illinois, Mary C., 5, born in Pennsylvania, and “Achsay” J., 1, born in Ohio.^[386]

In an article called “The Pathfinders of Jefferson County, O.” is this description of Cyrus’s church-founding activities there:

The East Springfield Presbyterian Church was organized in 1847, at which [six men’s names] were the trustees. . . . Having obtained sufficient funds, these trustees erected a church building in East Springfield, which was dedicated in 1850, Rev. Dr. C. C. Beatty preaching the sermon. This church was finally organized by Rev. Cyrus Riggs and John Knox, Rev. Mr. Riggs being the first minister. . . . Rev. Mr. Riggs also organized a Presbyterian Church in Richmond in 1852.^[387]

In 1860 Cyrus C. Riggs, 50, a “Clergⁿ Old school” born in Pennsylvania with \$2,400 real estate, resided in Westnewton, Westmoreland Co., Pa., with Mary C., 47, born in New Jersey, and with Mary C., 14, born in Pennsylvania, and Achsah J., 11, born in Pennsylvania, and Nathaniel

385. Norton, *History of the Presbyterian Church in the State of Illinois*, 286–88.

386. U.S. census, 1850, Salem Twp., Jefferson Co., Ohio, r. 699, p. 113, dw. 1614, fam. 1691.

387. Hunter, *Pathfinders of Jefferson County*, 201–202. This article also mentions Peter Eckley, p. 207.

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Todd, 80, a “Clergⁿ Old school” born in Massachusetts, and Cornelius B. Todd, 8, born in Pennsylvania.^[388]

On 5 Aug. 1862 at Jefferson College, “Resolved that the Hon Degree J.C.D.D. be and it is hereby conferred on the Rev. Cyrus C. Riggs, of Sharon Penn^a.” The news was conveyed to him in a letter of 8 Oct. 1862.^[389]

Children:

- 119 i **ELIZABETH B.⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1841, Illinois, married **L. R. WEBSTER**.
- 120 ii **ELLIOT SWIFT⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1843, Illinois.
- 121 iii **MARY CONTENT⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1845, Pennsylvania, married **THOMAS P. DICKSON**.
- 122 iv **ACHSAH JANE⁵ RIGGS**, born about 1849, Ohio.

388. U.S. census, 1860, Westnewton PO, Westnewton Burrough, Westmoreland Co., Pa., r. 1196, p. 1254, dw. 575, fam. 577.

389. A photocopy of the item, reference no. VI-c-54, was sent me 7 Apr. 2004 by Anna Mae Moore, Washington & Jefferson College, U. Grant Miller Library, Lincoln St., Washington, Pa.

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86. JAMES WILLIAM⁵ RIGGS (₄₆*Joseph*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹) was born 1 Nov. 1827, Ohio, and died 8 Dec. 1856 in a train wreck (see his father's obituary). He married **MARY E. TAYLOR [PARKER]**, who was born about 1829, Virginia, probably daughter of Amelia (–) Parker. Mary's maiden name Taylor is as given in *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, but the 1860 and 1870 censuses strongly suggests it should be Parker.

In 1860 Mary Riggs, 31, a music teacher born in Virginia with \$200 worth of personal estate, resided in Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, with Fred, 6, and James, 3, both born in Ohio, and with Amelia Parker, 48, born in Pennsylvania.^[390]

Children:

- 123 i **FRED⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1854, Ohio.
- 124 ii **JAMES⁶ RIGGS**, born about 1857, Ohio.

88. STEPHEN BALDRIDGE⁵ RIGGS (₄₆*Joseph*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹) was born 17 Aug. 1832, Ohio, died 18 Mar. 1909, and was buried in Maplewood Memorial Lawn Cem., Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans.^[391] He married about 1854 **EVADNE WITHERS**, who was born Jan. 1835, District of Columbia (1900 census).

In 1860 Stephen B. Riggs, 27, a bookkeeper born in Ohio with \$1,038 worth of real estate, resided in Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, with "Evandine," 25, born in D.C., and with Alma, 6, "Fanny," 2, and Emma E., 9/12, all three born in Ohio, and also with Joseph, 64, and Rebecca, 60.^[392]

He was alive at his father's death in 1877 and living in Kansas (see the obituary).

390. U.S. census, 1860, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, r. 1033, p. 454, dw. 792, fam. 816.

391. *Find a Grave*, no. 99306751, gravestone photograph, by Cheryl Henry, Maplewood Memorial Lawn Cem., Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans., "S. B. Riggs | Aug. 17, 1832, | Mar. 18, 1909," plot: 26-34-4 and 5.

392. U.S. census, 1860, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, r. 1033, p. 452, dw. 766, fam. 792.

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In 1900 Stephen B. Riggs, 67, an abstractor born Aug. 1832 in Ohio of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Virginia, resided in Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans., with his wife of 46 years, “Evadna” W., 65, born Jan. 1835 in D.C. of Virginia natives, and with daughters, Alma W. Finley, 45, a widow born July 1854, and Frances Riggs, 42, born Apr. 1858, both born in Ohio, and a servant. Evadna had had six children, with four surviving. Alma had had one child, and it had not survived.^[393]

Children:

- 125 i **ALMA W.**⁶ **RIGGS**, born July 1854, Ohio, died 1937, buried Maplewood Memorial Lawn Cem., Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans.,^[394] married **JAMES K. FINLEY**, and had one child.
- 126 ii **MARY COLEMAN**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 23 Sept. 1859 (calculated), Ohio, died 30 Sept. 1857, aged 1 year 5 months 29 days, buried Greenlawn Cem., Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio.^[395]
- 127 iii **FRANCES A.**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 5 Apr. 1858, Ohio, died 30 Mar. 1915, buried Maplewood Memorial Lawn Cem., Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans.^[396]
- 128 iv **EMMA ELIZABETH**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 23 Sept. 1859 (calculated), Ohio, died 10 May 1867, aged 7 years 7 months 17 days, buried Greenlawn Cem., Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio.^[397]
- 129 v **CHARLES N.**⁶ **RIGGS**, born 27 Mar. 1862, Ohio, died 5 May, 1926, buried Maplewood Memorial Lawn Cem., Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans.^[398]

393. U.S. census, 1900, Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans., ED 69, r. 487, p. 82, sh. 2B, dw. 766, fam. 792.

394. *Find a Grave*, no. 99306751, gravestone photograph, by Cheryl Henry, Maplewood Memorial Lawn Cem., Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans., “Finley | James K. | 1846 - 1894 || Alma W. | 1854 - 1937 | Co.C, 65th Reg. Ill. Vol.Inf.,” plot: 12-10-4.

395. *Find a Grave*, no. 96936614, gravestone photograph, by David Brown, Greenlawn Cem., Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, “Mary Coleman | daughter of | S.B. & Evadne Riggs | died Sept. 30, 1857 | aged 1y 5m 29d.” [I couldn’t read the death date and age from the photograph so took the site’s word for it.]

396. *Find a Grave*, no. 99307775, gravestone photograph, by Cheryl Henry, Maplewood Memorial Lawn Cem., Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans., “Frances A. Riggs | Apr. 5, 1858 | Mar. 30, 1915,” plot: 26-34-6.

397. *Find a Grave*, no. 99307775, gravestone photograph, by David Brown, Greenlawn Cem., Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, “Emma Elizabeth | dau. of | S.B. & E. Riggs | died | May 10, 1867 | aged 7 Yrs. | 7 Mos. 17 Dys.”

398. *Find a Grave*, no. 99307775, gravestone photograph, by Cheryl Henry, Maplewood Memorial

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130 vi ANNA⁶ RIGGS, born 23 Dec. 1863, Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, died 1 Jan. 1926, Evanston, Cook Co., Ill., buried Rosehill Cem., Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.^[399] married WILLIAM A. GARDNER.

89. SAMUEL AGNEW⁵ RIGGS (₄₆Joseph⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹) was born 1 Mar. 1835, Hanging Rock, Lawrence Co., Ohio,^[400] and died 10 Oct. 1920, Ann Arbor, Mich.^[401] He married 31 Dec. 1861, Pittsburgh, Pa.,^[402] CATHARINE DOANE EARLE, who was born 28 Dec. 1836, Pittsburgh, Pa., daughter of Henry and Jean Douglas (Kirkpatrick) Earle, and died 8 Mar. 1920, Ann Arbor.^[403]

In 1865 Samuel A. Riggs, 30, a lawyer born in Ohio with \$8,000 and \$9,500, respectively in real and personal estates, resided in Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kans., with “Kate” D. E., 28, born in Pennsylvania, and with Henry E., 1/12, born in Kansas, Joseph E. Riggs, 27, a lawyer born in Ohio with \$300 and \$200, respectively, in real and personal estates, and Mary E. Earle, 16, born in Pennsylvania.^[404]

He was alive at his father’s death in 1877 and living in Kansas (see the obituary).

Lawn Cem., Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans., “Charles N. Riggs | Mar. 27, 1862 | May 5, 1926,” plot: 26-33-3 and 4.

399. Ill. *Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916–1947*, Anna Riggs Gardner, born 23 Dec. 1863, Portsmouth, Ohio, died 1 Jan. 1926, Evanston, Cook Co., Ill., buried 4 Jan. 1926, Rosehill Cem., age 62, white, widow, female, residence Evanston, Ill., father Stephen B. Riggs, born West Union, Ohio, mother Evadne Withers, born Georgetown, Va., spouse William A. Gardner [FHL 1504135].

400. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 47, from an autobiography by Samuel A. Riggs, “I was born on March 1st, 1835, in the village of Hanging Rock, situated on the banks of the Ohio River, in Lawrence County, Ohio, where my father, Joseph Riggs, was interested in an iron rolling mill.”

401. “Memoirs: Henry Earle Riggs,” *Register* 103:313, “son of Samuel Agnew Riggs, born in Hanging Rock, Ohio, 1 March 1835, and died in Ann Arbor 10 Oct. 1920.”

402. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 55.

403. “Memoirs: Henry Earle Riggs,” *Register* 103:313, “His mother was Catherine Doane Earle, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., 28 Dec. 1836, and who died in Ann Arbor 8 March 1920. They were married in Pittsburgh 31 Dec. 1861. She was a daughter of Henry Earle, a merchant of Pittsburgh, born 16 June 1803, died 28 March 1883, who married Jean Douglas Kirkpatrick, born 6 Nov. 1808, died 10 May 1888.”

404. Kansas census, 1865, Lawrence PO, Wakarusa Twp., Douglas Co., Kans., r. 3, p. 161, dw. 288, fam. 290.

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In 1920 Samuel A. Riggs, 84, born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Virginia resided in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., Mich., with his wife, Catharine E., 83, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives, in the household of his son, Henry Riggs, 54, born in Kansas.^[405]

Child:^[406]

- + 131 i HENRY EARLE⁶ RIGGS, born 8 May 1865, Lawrence, Kans., married EMMA KING HYNES, and had seven children. Henry was author of *Our Pioneer Ancestors*.

92. ALEXANDER BROWN⁵ RIGGS (₄₆Joseph⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹) was born **21** June 1842 (1900 census), Ohio. He married **CHARLOTTE B. RICHARDSON**, who was born Feb. 1842 (1900 census), New York.

He was alive at his father's death in 1877 and living in Fort Plain, Montgomery Co., N.Y. (see the obituary).

In 1880 Alexander B. Riggs, 38, a clergyman born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Virginia, resided in Waterford, Saratoga Co., N.Y., with his wife, Charlotte R., 38, born in New York of New York natives, and with his son, Albert R., 7, and daughters, Elsie A., 5, and Ella M., 3, all born in New York.^[407]

In 1900 Alexander B. Riggs, 57, a preacher born June 1842 in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Virginia, resided in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, with his wife of 30 years, Charlotte R., 58, born Feb. 1842 in New York of New York natives, and with his son, Albert R., 27, a dentist born May 1873, and daughters, Elsie A., 25, born Nov. 1874, and Ella M., 22, born July 1877, all born in New York, and a servant.^[408]

Children:

405. U.S. census, 1920, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., Mich., ED 140, r. 799, p. 164, sh. 8A, dw. 180, fam. 189.

406. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 55.

407. U.S. census, 1880, Waterford, Saratoga Co., N.Y., r. 929, p. 562B, dw. 207, fam. 256.

408. U.S. census, 1900, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio, ED 15, r. 1274, p. 180, sh. 9B, dw. 186, fam. 240.

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- 132 i ALBERT R.⁶ RIGGS, born May 1873, New York.
- 133 ii ELSIE A.⁶ RIGGS, born Nov. 1874, New York.
- 134 iii ELLA M.⁶ RIGGS, born July 1877, New York.

100. THOMAS R.⁵ ECKLEY (⁴⁸Hannah⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹) was born 1831, Noble Co., Ohio,^[409] and baptized 21 Aug. 1831, Olive Presbyterian Church, Morgan Co., Ohio.^[410] He died before the 1895 Iowa census which lists his second wife as a widow. He married (1) 30 Oct. 1852, Jefferson Co., Iowa,^[411] HONOR D. HART, who was born 29 Sept. 1829, Washington Co., Ohio (see bio below), and died 5 Oct. 1879, Lancaster Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, and was buried in Doggett Cem., East Lancaster Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa.^[412] Thomas married (2) 30 Oct. 1880, Brighton, Washington Co., Iowa,^[413] ELLA RUTH MILLS, who was born Mar. 1852 (1900 census), Iowa,^[414] daughter of Roswell Spencer and Lucetta (Stone) (Worthen) Mills,^[415] and died 29 Dec. 1939, probably in Center Twp.,

409. The Noble Co. birthplace is from his second marriage record.

410. *Records of the Congregation of Olive*, 21 Aug. 1831, "Thomas R. Eckley, son of Peter and Hannah Eckley."

411. *Iowa County Marriages, 1838-1934*, Thomas "N." Eckley to Honor D. Harz, 30 Oct. 1852, Jefferson Co., Iowa, GS 969379, source C:11, no. 939.

412. *Iowa Cem. Records, 1662-1999*, Honor "E." Eckley, wife of T. R., born 1829, age 50, died 5 Oct. 1879, buried Doggett Cem., East Lancaster, Keokuk Co., Iowa, source Gravestone Records of Keokuk County, Iowa, p. 57; *Doggett Cem., Keokuk Co., Iowa*, "[Row 4] Honor D., wife of T. R. Eckley, b. in Washington, Ohio, Sept. 29, 1829; d. Oct. 5, 1879"; US census, 1880, mortality schedule, Lancaster Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, deaths for the year ending 31 May 1880, Honor D. Eckley, 51, born Ohio of Conn. Natives, died Oct. of "Malerial Feaver."

413. Marriage certificate, State of Iowa, no. 1-3-7, Washington Co., license 134, Thomas R. Eckley, 49, born Ohio, of Lancaster, Washington Co., Iowa, son of Peter Eckley and Hannah Riggs, to Ella R. Mills, 28, born Ohio, of Brighton, Iowa, daughter of R. S. Mills and Lucetta Stone, married 30 Oct. 1880, Brighton, Washington Co., Iowa, by M. M. Thompson MG, filed 24 Nov. 1880, digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley.

414. The marriage record gives her birthplace as Ohio, but all census records give it as Iowa, which fits the biography of her father (see next note).

415. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Washington Co., Iowa*, 268, "Hon. Roswell S. Mills, attorney at law, Brighton, was born in Canton, Hartford Co., Conn., April 16, 1817 . . . When the family moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, the subject of this sketch was but two years old. . . . In 1841 he came to Iowa and settled in Keokuk County, where he spent one year, and then returned to Ohio, and in Ashtabula County, that State, married Lucetta Stone . . . She was born in Ashtabula County, Jan. 4, 1817. Soon after their marriage they came to Iowa . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mills became

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Porter Co., Ind.,^[416] and was buried in Maplewood Cem., Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind.^[417]

An unsourced 1875 genealogy gives this remarkably detailed description of the family. From the preface it is clear that the information was gathered tediously by letter and response over several decades. I put the items unverified at this time in red:

Honor Deming Hart, Lancaster, Iowa, fifth daughter of Deacon Benjamin Hart, of New Britain, Conn., and Watertown, Washington County, Ohio, and his second wife,^[418] Mrs. Esther Miner (Wilson), born January 4th, 1829, at Watertown, Ohio; married October 30th, 1852, Thomas Ralph Eckley, born June 5th, 1831, at Sharon, Morgan County, Ohio. He is a carriage maker, was married at Lancaster, Iowa, and was living there in 1874. They had—1. Jennie, born August 20th, 1853, died December 19th, 1854; 2, William Thomas, born September 8th, 1855; 3, Henry Converse, born March 12th, 1858; died April 7th, 1859; 4, Rosa Adel, born March 8th, 1860, died September 26th, 1861; 5, Abe Lincoln, born March 1st, 1862; 6, Clara, born June 26th, 1865, died August 22d, 1867; 7, Romain,

the parents of five children, three living: . . . Ella, the wife of Thomas R. Eckley, of Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa.” Digital photocopy courtesy of Randall Eckley. This biography is supported by US census, 1900, Brighton, Washington Co., Iowa, ED 107, r. 464, p. 6, sh. 6A, dw. 142, fam. 145, which lists Roswell “G.” Mills, 83, born Apr. 1817, Conn.; and US census, 1870, South English PO, Richland Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, r. 402, p. 412B, dw. 55, fam. 55, which lists R. S. Mills, 53, born Conn., Lucetta, 53, born Ohio, and Ella, 18, born Iowa; letter from First Congregational Church, Canton Center, Conn., to Randall⁸ Eckley, 25 Oct. 2011, “This is to certify that Roswell Spencer Mills was baptized in the First Congregational Church on August 13, 1817. Church records list Harlow Mills and Anna Spencer Mills as the parents of Roswell Spencer Mills,” digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley; Ashtabula Co., Ohio, Marriage Records Index, 1811-1900, Lucetta Stone to John H. Worthen, 1837, and “Lucinda” Worthen to Roswell S. Mills, 1842, digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley.

416. *Obits. Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger, 1938-1995*, Ella Ruth Eckley, from Center Twp., died 29 Dec. 1939, age 87, reported in papers of 29 and 30 Dec. 1939.

417. *Find a Grave*, no. 22624952, gravestone photograph, by Alana Knochel Bauman, Maplewood Cem., Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., “Mother | Ella R. Eckley | 1852-1939.”

418. *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994*, image online, Washington Co., Benjamin Hart, of Watertown, to Mrs. Esther Miner (widow), of Waterford, Washington Co., 23 July 1826; *Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994*, image online, Washington Co., Richard Miner to Esther Wilson, both of Waterford, 29 Dec. 1813.

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born March 11th, 1868; 8, Anna Mary, born January 14th, 1870; 9, Maggie, born November 13th, 1872.^[419]

There is a consistency of data in this account that lends credence to it. For example, Benjamin Hart's first wife was Honor Deming.^[420] Therefore naming his first daughter by his second wife for his first wife makes sense, and justifies the Deming middle name for which I have found no record. Similarly, his youngest son, Honor's brother, was named Henry Converse Hart, in whose home he died (according to the same account, but apparently incorrectly).^[421] It makes sense then that one of Honor Deming (Hart) Eckley's children would be Henry Converse Eckley, although I've not otherwise found a supporting record. Nevertheless, I'm going to err on the side of caution and leave the colors in place in hopes that they'll inspire the location of some solid records.

And to back that account up there is this one from a 1902 biography of Simeon D. Hart:

He is a son of Benjamin and Honor (Deming) Hart. The former came to Marietta in 1800,^[422] from his home in Connecticut. He spent five years in that city, but on account of sickness removed to the valley of Waterford, and applied himself to agricultural pursuits. He was married three times, our subject's mother, who was Honor Deming, being his first wife. She was a native of Massachusetts,^[423] and they reared seven children The second wife of Benjamin Hart was Mrs. Esther Wilson, a daughter of Deacon David Wilson, of Washington County.^[424]

419. Andrews, *Deacon Stephen Hart*, 511, digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley.

420. *Ohio Marriages, 1789–1898*, “1805 Jul 28 Deming, Honor and Benjamin Hart by Jacob Lindly, Washington Co.”; *Find a Grave*, no. 17698096, gravestone photograph, Mound Cem., Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio, “Father | Deacon Benjamin Hart | Born in Conn. Nov. 20, 1781. | Came To Marietta In 1800. | Died Dec. 24, 1867. | Aged 86 Y's 1 Mo. 4 D's.”

421. However, US census, 1860, Harmar, Washington Co., Ohio, dw. 915, fam. 922, lists Columbus Hart, 50, born Ohio, and his family, and “Benj.” Hart, 77, born Conn. Columbus Hart was Benjamin's oldest son, according to the Andrews Hart family genealogy.

422. *Washington Co., Ohio, US Territorial Census, 1803*, “all mail Inhabetance oever the age of twenty one years Belonging to the town of Marietta . . . August 1803,” “Benjamin Hart.”

423. *Vital Records of Sandisfield, Mass., to the Year 1850*, 23, “Deming Simeon and Lucy | Honor, born Sept. 28, 1789.”

424. Andrews, *History of Marietta and Washington County, Ohio*, 2:997.

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An 1880 history of Keokuk Co., Iowa, contains this biography, surely gathered by personal interview:

Eckley. T. R., grain dealer; born in Ohio in 1831 and lived there until 17 years of age, and then came to this State in 1848; he learned the trade of blacksmith and wagon-maker and followed it as an occupation for many years; he spent two years in Van Buren county, and came to Lancaster, Keokuk county, in 1855; he owns 520 acres of land and his home is one of the choicest locations of the county; he held the office of postmaster in Lancaster for sixteen years; he married Miss Honora [sic] D. Hart in 1852; she was born in Washington county, Ohio, Sept. 29, 1829; by this union they have five children living; William T., Abraham L., Romaine, Mary and Maggie; Mrs. Eckely [sic] died Oct. 5, 1879,^[425]

In 1856 Thomas R. Eckley, 24, a coachmaker born in Ohio, resided in Lancaster Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, with Honor D., 22, born in Ohio, William T., [no age given], born in Iowa, and "Eleanor H." Eckley, 20, milliner, born in Ohio.^[426]

In 1860 T. R. Eckley, 28, a carriage maker born in Ohio with \$500 real and \$800 personal estates, resided in Lancaster, Keokuk Co., Iowa, with Honor D., 30, born in Ohio, William T., 4, born in Iowa, Virga, 4/12, born in Iowa, and an apprentice.^[427]

In 1870 T. R. Eckley, 39, a wagon maker born in Ohio with \$7,400 real and \$2,500 personal estates, resided in Lancaster, Keokuk Co., Iowa, with H. D., 41, born in Ohio, W. T., 14, Ab. L., 7, R. "G.," 2, and Iowa (female), 5/12, all four born in Iowa, and one laborer.^[428]

In 1885 Thomas R. Eckley, 52, a wagon maker born in Ohio, resided in Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, with Ella R., 34, born in Iowa, Romain R. (male), 16, Mary, 14, Maggie L., 11, and "Ruthella," 1, all four born in Iowa.^[429]

425. History of Keokuk Co., Iowa, 611, Sigourney.

426. Iowa census, 1856, Lancaster Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, dw. 20, fam. 20.

427. U.S. census, 1860, Lancaster PO, Lancaster Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, r. 329, p. 1038, dw. 2133, fam. 2138.

428. U.S. census, 1870, Lancaster PO, Lancaster Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, r. 402, p. 377B, dw. 184, fam. 186.

429. Iowa census, 1885, Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, dw. 152, fam. 164.

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In 1895 Ella Eckley, 42, a widow born in “Keo Ohio,” resided in Jefferson Co., Iowa, with Ruth, 11, “Charls,” 9, Bessie, 8, and Harry, 3, all born in “Keo Ohio.”^[430]

In 1900 Ella Eckley, 48, a widow born Mar. 1852 in Iowa of Ohio natives, resided in Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., with her daughter, Ruth, 16, born Dec. 1883, son Charles, 15, born Mar. 1885, daughter, Bessie, 13, born Jan. 1887, and son, Harry, 8, born Aug. 1891, all four born in Iowa of a father born in Ohio. Ella had had five children, with four surviving.^[431]

In 1910 Ruth E. Eckley, 58, a widow born in Iowa of Ohio natives, resided in Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., with her sons, Charles, 25, and “Harrie,” 18, both born in Iowa. Ella had had four children, with four surviving.^[432]

In 1920 Ella R. Eckley, 67, a widow born in Iowa of a father born in Connecticut and a mother in Ohio, resided in Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., with her son, Harry T., 28, a pool room clerk born in Iowa.^[433]

In 1930 Ella Eckley, 78, a widow born in Iowa of Ohio natives, resided in Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., in the household of her son-in-law, “Shyler” Wheeler, 50, a cemetery caretaker born in Indiana of Indiana natives, his wife, Bessie, 43, born in Iowa of Iowa natives, and his sons, Harold, 20, and Jess, 16, both born in Indiana. Schuyler was first married at 25, and Bessie at 18.^[434]

Children of the first marriage, to Honor:^[435]

430. Iowa census, 1895, Jefferson Co., Iowa, dw. 29, fam. 29.

431. U.S. census, 1900, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., ED 83, r. 402, p. 50, sh. 1A, dw. 4, fam. 4.

432. U.S. census, 1910, Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., ED 141, r. 374, p. 77, sh. 1B, dw. 25, fam. 25.

433. U.S. census, 1920, Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., ED 145, r. 460, p. 31, sh. 3B, dw. 61, fam. 82.

434. U.S. census, 1930, Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., ED 10, r. 622, p. 107, sh. 9B, dw. 210, fam. 210.

435. A note from Randall⁸ Eckley contains the following list of children collected by his aunt, Mrs. Dolores I. Johnson (1914–1975), in conversations with her grandmother, Ella Ruth (Mills) Eckley, her father Charles Randolph Eckley and her aunts, Margaret Eckley, Ruth Ella (Eckley) Lee, and Bess (Eckley) Wheeler, while they were living. I place the otherwise undocumented items in [blue](#) in

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- 135 i **HANNAH E. J. [“JENNIE”]⁶ ECKLEY**, born 20 July 1853 (gravestone), died 18 Dec. 1854, and buried in the Doggett Cem., East Lancaster Twp. (near Sigourney), Keokuk Co., Iowa, (or, **confusingly**, the United Presbyterian Cem., Birmingham, Van Buren Co., Iowa.^[436]
- + 136 ii **WILLIAM THOMAS⁶ ECKLEY**, born 8 Sept. 1855, Lancaster, Keokuk Co., Iowa, married (1) **MARY EVA WOODBRIDGE**, and had at least two children, married (2) **CORINNE BUFORD CHEEK**.
- 137 iii **HENRY CONVERSE⁶ ECKLEY**, born 12 Mar. 1858, died 7 Apr. 1859, and buried in Doggett Cem., East Lancaster Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa.^[437]
- 138 iv **VIRGA/ROSA ADEL⁶ ECKLEY**, born 8 Mar. 1860, Iowa, died 26 Sept. 1861, and buried in Doggett Cem., East Lancaster Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa.^[438]
- + 139 v **ABRAHAM L.⁶ ECKLEY**, born 1 Mar. 1862 about 1863, Keokuk Co., Iowa, married **ELIZABETH SCHILTZ**, and had no children.
- 140 vi **CLARA⁶ ECKLEY**, born 20 June 1865, died 22 Aug. 1867, and buried in Doggett Cem., East Lancaster Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa.^[439]

the main text. Order name, birth, death: Hannah E. J. “Jennie”, 20 Aug. 1853, 19 Dec. 1854; Dr. William Thomas MD, 8 Sept. 1855, 12 Sept. 1908; Henry Converse, 12 Mar. 1858, 7 Apr. 1859; Rosa Adel, 8 Mar. 1860, 26 Sept. 1861; Abraham Lincoln, 1 Mar. 1862, 20 May 1886; Clara, 26 June 1865, 22 Aug. 1867; Romaine, 11 Mar. 1868, 11 July 1945; Anna Mary, 14 Jan. 1870, 1907; Margaret Lucy “Maggie”, 13 Nov. 1872, 10 May 1960. I suspect that the birth dates come from the un sourced genealogy quoted in the main text of this sketch, and if so then they form a vicious circle.

436. *Doggett Cem., Keokuk Co., Iowa*, “[Row 4] Hannah E. J., dau. of T. R. and H.D. Eckley, b. July 20, 1853; d. Dec. 19, 1854,” appears to be the same stone as listed in the following note but in a different cemetery: *Find a Grave*, no. 96489039, gravestone photograph, by Richard K. Thompson, United Presbyterian Cem., Birmingham, Van Buren Co., Iowa, “[difficult to read] [?] | dau. of | [T?]. R. & H. D. | Eckley | born | July 20, 1853 | died | [half buried:] Dec. 18, 1854.” Also this: “Note: cemetery listing indicated that all that could be read of first name was ‘nah’; it was presumed to be for ‘Hannah’. It does appear to be ‘Hannah’ upon close inspection. | Headstone flat on ground a/o 1998. Repaired and mounted upright a/o Sept. 2012. | Daughter of ? R. & H. D. Eckley.” Plot given as “Row 4 going north” which is the same plot as given for her presumed uncle “Step. R.” Eckley.

437. *Doggett Cem., Keokuk Co., Iowa*, “[Row 4] Henry C., son of T. R. and H. D. Eckley, b. Mar. 12, 1858 d. (can’t read).”

438. *Doggett Cem., Keokuk Co., Iowa*, “[Row 4] Rosa A., dau. of T. R. and H. D. Eckley, b. (can’t read) 1860; d. Sept. 26, 1861.”

439. *Doggett Cem., Keokuk Co., Iowa*, “[Row 4] Clara, dau. of T. R. and H. D. Eckley, b. dune [sic] 20, 1865; d. Aug. 22, 1867.”

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- + 141 vii **ROMAIN[E] [ROMA] RALPH⁶ ECKLEY**, born 11 Mar. 1868, Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, married **NELLIE H. BOLAN**.
- 142 viii **IOWA/ANNA MARY⁶ ECKLEY**, born 14 Jan. about 1870, Iowa, died 1907.
- 143 ix **MARGARET [“MAGGIE”] LUCY⁶ ECKLEY**, born 13 Nov. 1872, Iowa, died 10 May 1960, and was buried in Mt. Prospect Cem., Neptune City, Monmouth Co., N.J.^[440] She never married and is mentioned extensively in records of deaconess work for the Methodist Episcopal church in the Boston and New York area. For example, a report of 1923 mentions, “the following addresses bringing great inspiration: ‘The High Calling of a Deaconess’, by Miss Margaret Eckley, superintendent of the New York Deaconess House.”^[441]

Children of the second marriage, to Ella:^[442]

- 144 x **HONOR DEMMING⁶ ECKLEY**, born 3 Sept. 1881, Lancaster, Keokuk Co., Iowa,^[443] and died 22 Sept. 1884, Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa.^[444]
- 145 xi **RUTH ELLA⁶ ECKLEY**, born 16 Dec. 1883, Keokuk Co., Iowa, died 5 Feb. 1964, Weymouth, Mass.,^[445] married 16 Apr. 1911,

440. *Find a Grave*, no. 25653326, gravestone photograph, by Betty Van Brunt Andrews, Mt. Prospect Cem., Neptune City, Monmouth Co., N.J., “Margaret L. Eckley | 1872–1960,” **unsourced data**: died 9 May 1960, Rhode Island, Chenango Co., N.Y.” Also no. 7441188, no photograph, mentions “Women’s Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church section,” which possibly erected a memorial.

441. *Woman’s Home Missions*, Vol. 40, No. 7, July 1923, 14, available on Google Books, item courtesy of Randall Eckley.

442. A note from Randall⁸ Eckley contains the following list of children collected by his aunt, Mrs. Dolores I. Johnson (1914–1975), in conversations with her grandmother, Ella Ruth (Mills) Eckley, her father Charles Randolph Eckley and her aunts, Margaret Eckley, Ruth Ella (Eckley) Lee, and Bess (Eckley) Wheeler, while they were living. I place the otherwise undocumented items in blue in the main text. Order name, birth, death: Honor Demming , 3 Sept. 1881, 22 Sept. 1884; Ruth Ella, 16 Dec. 1883, 5 Feb. 1964; Charles Randolph, 25 Mar. 1885, 24 July 1944; Bess, 19 Jan. 1887, 7 Nov. 1975; Harry Riggs, 28 Aug. 1892, 21 Oct. 1948.

443. *Iowa County Births, 1880–1935*, “H.Nore” D. Eckley, born 3 Sept. 1881, Lancaster, Keokuk Co., Iowa, female, father Thomas R. Eckley, mother “R. D. Miller,” GS 1005835.

444. *Obit., Sigourney News*, Mon., 25 Sept. 1884, “In Sigourney, Iwa, on Monday September 22nd, 1884, Honor Demming Eckley, daughter of T. R. and Ella R. Eckley, aged 3 years and 19 days,” digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley.

445. *Mass. Death Index, 1901–1980*, Ruth E. (Eckley) Lee, died 1964, Weymouth, aged 80, 109:199.

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Attleborough [now Attleboro], Bristol Co., Mass.,^[446] **MYRON NEWTON LEE**, born 2 Oct. 1883, Attleboro, Bristol Co., Mass.,^[447] son of Eugene B. and Ella J. (Schleicher) Lee, and died Sept. 1962, Braintree, Mass.^[448] They had one child:^[449]

- (1) Eleanor⁷ Lee, born about 1917, Massachusetts.
- + 146 xii **CHARLES RANDOLPH⁶ ECKLEY**, born 25 Mar. 1885, Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, married **LACELIA LADAUER**, and had three children.
- 147 xiii **BESSIE L.⁶ ECKLEY**, born 19 Jan. 1887, Keokuk Co., Iowa, died 7 Nov. 1975, probably in Bellevue, Iowa,^[450] aged 88, married about 1906 **SCHUYLER U. WHEELER**, born about 19 June 1881, Crown Point, Lake Co., Ind.,^[451] died 24 Feb. 1963, probably Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind.,^[452] and had at least three children (see also 1930 census reading in main sketch):^[453]

446. *Mass. Marriages, 1841–1915*, image online, Myron Newton Lee, jeweler, 27, born Attleborough, son of Eugene B. Lee and Ella J. Schleicher, to Ruth Ella Eckley, 27, born Lancaster Co. [sic], Iowa, daughter of Thomas R. Eckley and Ruth E. Mills, on 116 Apr. 1911, Attleborough, Mass., by George G. Scrivener MG.

447. *US WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, image online, Myron Newton Lee, 58, born 2 Oct. 1883, Attleboro, Mass., resident of North Weymouth, Mass., person who will always know your address George Hunt, North Weymouth.

448. *Mass. Death Index, 1901–1980*, Myron N. Lee, died 1962, Braintree, aged 78, 32:383; SSDI, Myron Lee, SSN 030-18-0486, born 2 Oct. 1883, died Sept. 1962, last residence Mass., issued Mass. (before 1951).

449. U.S. census, 1920, Attleboro, Bristol Co., Mass., ED 11, r. 681, p. 150, sh. 18A, dw. 326, fam. 487, lists Myron N. Lee, 36, born Mass., wife, Ruth E., 36, born Iowa, and daughter, Eleanor, 3 2/12, born Mass. The 1930 census lists only Eleanor, 13, as child.

450. *Obits. Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger, 1938–1995*, Bessie L. Wheeler, from Bellevue, Iowa, died 7 Nov. 1975, age 88, reported in paper of 7 Nov. 1975.

451. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Schuyler Wheeler, 37, born 19 June 1881, of Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., nearest relative Charles Wheeler, of [Alagany?], Mich., registered 12 Sept. 1918, Valparaiso; *US WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, image online, Schuyler Wheeler, 60, born 19 June 1881, Crown Point, Ind., resident of Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., person who will always know your address Mr. Harold Wheeler, Valparaiso.

452. SSDI, Schuyler Wheeler, SSN 307-20-1610, born 19 June 1881, deid Feb. 1963, last residence Ind., issued Ind. (before 1951); *Obits. Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger, 1938–1995*, Schuyler U. Wheeler, from Valparaiso, died 24 Feb. 1963, age 81, reported in paper of 25 Feb. 1963.

453. U.S. census, 1910, Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., ED 139, r. 374, p. 55, sh. 7B, dw. 453, fam. 466, lists Schuyler Wheeler, 28, railroad carpenter born Ind., wife of 4 yrs., Bessie born Ind., daughter Daisy, 2, son “Harrold,” ½, both born Ind., her only two children.

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- (1) Daisy⁷ Wheeler, born about 1908, Indiana;
- (2) Harold⁷ Wheeler, born about 1910, Indiana;
- (3) Jess⁷ Wheeler, born about 1914, Indiana.

148 xiv HARRY THOMAS⁶ ECKLEY, born 28 Aug. 1891 or 1892, Franklin, Lee Co., or Keokuk Co., Iowa,^[454] died 20 Oct. 1948, aged 57.^[455]

105. JAMES RIGGS⁵ POAGE (₅₁Jane⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹) was born 3 Sept. 1834, Ross Co., Ohio.^[456] See Figure 9–Figure 10 for many of the details in this sketch, and the comment on it below. James married 27 Oct. 1859 HARRIET ELIZA SCOTT, who was born 31 Jan. 1842, Warrick Co., Ind., daughter of Robert and Matilda (Earl) Scott.

WAS HIS MIDDLE NAME RIGGS?

[I wrote the following before receiving, on 19 Dec. 2024, the marriage certificate of son James Melvin Poage, from a descendant, also named James Poage. The certificate verified that the R. stands for Riggs:]^[457]

The R. might stand for Riggs, his mother's name, and Poage descendants (starting with a great-grandson) state it so, but I have found no contemporaneous record saying so, in a family that frequently featured middle names (such as James's brother Stephen Woods⁵ Poage and their father George Gilliland Poage). Another possibility would be Return, the prominent middle name of James's famous missionary uncle, Stephen Return⁴

454. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Harry Thomas Eckley, 25, born 28 Aug. 1891, Franklin, Iowa, of 457 Chicago, Ind., poolroom clerk in Valparaiso, registered 5 June 1917, Valparaiso, Center Twp., Ind.; *US WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, image online, Harry Thomas Eckley, 51, born 28 Aug. 1891, Franklin, Iowa, resident of Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., person who will always know your address Charles Eckley, Valparaiso. The 1895 census gives Keokuk Co. as his birthplace.

455. *Obits. Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger, 1938–1995*, Harry Eckley, from LaPorte and Valparaiso, died 20 Oct. 1948, age 57, reported in paper of 21 Oct. 1948.

456. *Portrait and Biographical Record for Jasper, Marshall and Grundy Cos., Iowa*, Chicago: Biographical Publishing Co., 1894, pp. 240, 243, xeroxed pages courtesy of Jane's descendant James Poage, email 12 May 2022.

457. Email from James Poage, 19 Dec. 2024, "You had requested that I send you any evidence that I may come across regarding the middle name of 'Riggs' for my Great Great Grandfather, and I may have found something of interest. His son James Melvin Poage married Etta Coons as his second wife in 1948 and completed the Marriage Certificate using the name 'James Riggs Poage' for his Father. Perhaps this can provide some substantive evidence."

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Riggs. The middle name Gilliland honors Rev. James Gilliland, an abolitionist, and not a family member.

A CONTEMPORANEOUS RECORD THAT I DO TRUST

In 1894 a sketch of the Poage family was published in *Portrait and Biographical Record of Jasper, Marshall and Grundy Counties, Iowa*. See Figure 9–Figure 10. Since George Gilliland Poage, James R. Poage, and Harriet E. (Scott) Poage were still alive then, and probably consulted by the compilers, I trust this published sketch as a source. It does not expand the middle initial R. of James R. Poage’s name.

Children:^[458]

149 i **STEPHEN W.**⁵ **POAGE**.

150 ii **JAMES MELVIN**⁶ **POAGE**, born 10 Sept. 1862, Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa, died 30 Mar. 1949, buried Valley View Cem., Torrington, Goshen Co., Wyo.,^[459] married (1) 8 Sept. 1887, Wyoming, Jones Co., Iowa,^[460] **MARY LORENA WHERRY**, born 13 Mar. 1864, Oxford Twp., Iowa, daughter of James B. and Nancy J. (Moore) Wherry, and died 19 Oct. 1947, and was buried with her husband. He married (2) 11 Sept. 1948, Torrington, Goshen Co., Wyo.,^[461] **ETTA (MILLER)**

458. *Portrait and Biographical Record for Jasper, Marshall and Grundy Cos., Iowa*, Chicago: Biographical Publishing Co., 1894, pp. 240, 243, xeroxed pages courtesy of James R. Poage’s descendant James Poage, email 12 May 2022.

459. *Find a Grave*, no. 10889702, gravestone photograph, plot: S2 Se4 L6 B162 S6, Valley View Cem., Torrington, Goshen Co., Wyo., “Poage | Lorena | Mar.13.1864 | Oct.19.1947 | Mother | | Melvin | Sep.10.1862 | Mar.30.1949 | Father.”

460. *Iowa, U.S., Marriage Records, 1880–1948*, 1887, image 175 of 178 at <Ancestry.com>, “[license no. and date] 2300 | Sep 7/87 [affidavit by] Frank I. Poage [groom residence occupation] James M Poage | Newton Jasper Co Ia | Farmer [age race birthplace] 25 years White | Newton [parents and status] James R Poage | Harriet E Scott | 1st [bride residence] Mary L. Wherry | Wyoming [age race birthplace] 23 years White | Oxford Twp. [parents status] James B. Wherry | Nancy J Moore | 1st [married witnesses by] Wyoming Ia | Sept 8th /87 | Ida Dexter, A. R. Paul | Rev W^m Donaldson [date of return when registered] 9 8 /87 | 9 10 /87.”

461. Marriage certificate (digital photocopy sent me by a descendant), Wyoming, file no. 1948, certificate 2544, James Melvin Poage, 86, to Etta Coons, 58, licensed and married 11 Sept. 1948, Torrington, Goshen, Wyo., groom: residence Torrington, born 10 Sept. 1862, Jasper Co., Iowa, farmer, white, widowed, father James Riggs Poage, born Ohio, dead, mother Eliza Scott, born Ind., dead, bride: residence Torrington, born 5 Apr. 1890, Osceola, Nebr., maiden name Etta Miller, father James Miller, born Iowa, dead, mother “Besty” Hanshaw, born Iowa, dead, by Robert O. McCaslin

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COONS, born 5 Apr. 1890, Osceola, Nebr., daughter of James and “Besty” (Hanshaw) Miller.

- 151 iii ROBERT A.⁶ POAGE.
- 152 iv FRANK⁶ POAGE.
- 153 v LESLIE N.⁶ POAGE.
- 154 vi HERBERT E.⁶ POAGE.
- 155 vii GRACE H.⁶ POAGE.
- 156 viii LUCIAN S.⁶ POAGE.
- 157 ix GEORGE E.⁶ POAGE, died as an infant.

110. ALFRED LONGLEY⁵ RIGGS (⁵³*Stephen Return*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹) was born 6 Dec. 1837, Lac qui Parle, (after 1873 in Lac qui Parle Co., Minn.),^[462] married 9 June 1863^[463] MARY BUEL HATCH, who was born 20 May 1840, Leroy, N.Y.^[464]

In 1880 Alfred L. Riggs, 42, a clergyman born in Minnesota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in Eastern, Knox Co., Nebr., with his wife, Mary B., 40, born in New York of parents of unknown nativities, and with his son, Frederick B., 14, born in Illinois, daughter, Cora I., 11, born in Wisconsin, daughters, Mabel, 5, and Olive W., 3, both born in Nebraska, and son Stephen W., 2, born in Nebraska. A teacher, Lizzie E. Glisan, 19, born in Iowa, also resided in the household. Henry M. Riggs resided nearby.^[465]

In 1900 A. L. Riggs, 62, a minister born Dec. 1837 in Minnesota of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in Santee, Knox Co., Nebr., with his wife of 37 years, Mary B., 60, born May 1840 in New York of New York natives, and with his sons, Fred B., 34, widower, a teacher born July 1865 in Illinois, and Stephen W., 22, a school clerk born Apr. 1878 in Nebraska. Mary had had six children, with five surviving.^[466]

MG, witnesses Beryle Grimes, of Scottsbluff, Nebr., and True W. Poage, of Torrington.

462. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 66, “[28 Dec. 1837] Yesterday our dear little babe was three weeks old.”

463. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 408, “Alfred was married in June, 1863.”

464. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 410.

465. U.S. census, 1880, Eastern, Knox Co., Nebr., ED 107, r. 751, p. 60B, dw. 11, fam. 11. Henry resided in dw. 13.

466. U.S. census, 1900, Santee Normal Training School, Santee, Knox Co., Nebr., ED 111, r. 932,

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Known children, of six:^[467]

- 158 i **FREDERICK BARTLETT⁶ RIGGS**, born 14 July 1865, Lockport, Ill., married and lost his wife by the 1900 census.
- 159 ii **CORA ISABELLA⁶ RIGGS**, born 19 Aug. 1868, Centre/Center, Wis., married 18 Aug. 1892 **FRANK ALSWORTH MAPLES, M.D.**, and had three children, one of whom died of smallpox in Kalgan, North China, where he was a doctor for four years and she did “women’s work” under the auspices of the A.B.C.F.M. She was raised in Santee, Nebr., and Yankton, S.D., attended Mount Holyoke Seminary, South Hadley, Mass., until 1888, but did not graduate, and taught in Yankton, S.D., until 1892. She returned in poor health, from smallpox, to the U.S. in June 1898 and resided in Battle Creek, Mich., where she was still living on 12 Nov. 1904.^[468]
- 160 iii **MABEL⁶ RIGGS**, born 11 Sept. 1874, Santee Agency, Nebr.
- 161 iv **OLIVE WARD⁶ RIGGS**, born 13 June 1876, Santee Agency, Nebr.
- 162 v **STEPHEN WILLIAMSON⁶ RIGGS**, born 28 Apr. 1878, Santee Agency, Nebr.

114. THOMAS LAWRENCE⁵ RIGGS (⁵³*Stephen Return*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹) was born 3 June 1847, Lac qui Parle (after 1873 in Lac qui Parle Co., Minn.). He married (1)^[469] 26 Dec. 1872, Bangor, Maine,^[470] **CORNELIA/NINA MARGARET FOSTER**, who was born 19 Mar. 1848, Bangor, Maine,^[471] daughter of John B. and Catharine (McGaw) Foster, and who died 5 Aug. 1878, Fort Sully, Dak. Terr. He married (2) about **31 Mar. 1885, Dakota Terr., MARGARET LOUISA IRVINE**, who was born **5 Aug. Apr. 1859** (1900 census), Minnesota, and died 25 Aug. 1951, Hughes Co., S.D.^[472]

p. 98, sh. 1A, dw. 1, fam. 1.

467. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 410.

468. All information in this paragraph from the Cora Riggs Papers, [call no.] 7096.6x1891 Riggs, Archives and Special Collections, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.

469. Kingsbury, *History of Dakota Territory*, 5:425-26.

470. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 348, 409, “In February of 1872, Thomas went to Fort Sully to commence a new station, and was married in December of the same year.”

471. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 345.

472. *S.D. Death Index, 1905-1955*, Margaret L. Riggs, 25 Aug. 1951, Hughes, p. 313.

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Thomas L. Riggs is listed in the 1849 Minnesota Terr. census in Big Stone Lake Twp., Dakota Co.^[473]

In 1880 Thomas L. Riggs, 32, married, a missionary born in Minnesota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in Peoria Bottom, Hughes Co., Dak. Terr., with his son, Theodore F., 6, born in Dakota Terr., of a mother born in Maine, and his sister, Cornelia O., 21, with nativities the same as for Thomas, and with four boarders and a servant.^[474]

In 1900 Thomas Riggs, 52, “clergie,” born June 1847 in Minnesota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in Peoria Twp., Hughes Co., S.D., with his wife of 15 years, Louisa I., 41, born Apr. 1859 in Minnesota of New York natives. She had had four children with three surviving. In the household were Thomas’s sons, Theodore F., 25, a medical student born July 1874 in South Dakota of a mother born in Maine, Robert I., 12, born Sept. 1887, South Dakota of a mother born in Minnesota, and “Lorenz” H., 10, born July 1889 in South Dakota of a mother born in Minnesota, and daughter, Muriel, 7, born July 1892 in South Dakota of a mother born in Minnesota. There were two hired men in the household also.^[475]

In 1920 Thomas Lawrence Riggs, 72, a farmer and rancher born in Minnesota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in Peoria Twp., Hughes Co., S.D., with his wife, Louisa Irvine, 60, postmaster, born in Minnesota of New York natives, and with his son, Lawrence H., 30, a herdman born in South Dakota, and his brother-in-law, Jaran B. Irvine, 62, born in Minnesota. There were also two hired men in the household. Next door was Robert Irvine Riggs.^[476]

In 1930 T. L Riggs, 82, born in Minnesota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in Peoria Twp., Hughes Co., S.D.,

473. Minnesota Census, 1835–90.

474. U.S. census, 1880, Peoria Bottom, Hughes Co., Dak. Terr., ED 99, r. 112, p. 73A, dw. 1, fam. 1.

475. U.S. census, 1900, Peoria Twp., Hughes Co., S.D., ED 178, r. 1550, p. 227, sh. 3B, dw. 41, fam. 41.

476. U.S. census, 1920, Peoria Twp., Hughes Co., S.D., ED 185, r. 1720, p. 131, sh. 4A, dw. 7, fam. 7. Robert resided in dw. 6.

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with his wife, Margaret L., 70, born in Minnesota of New York natives, and his brother-in-law, Jaran B. Irvine, 72, born in Minnesota. T. L. was 25 at first marriage, and Margaret 26. Next door was R. I. Riggs.^[477]

Child of the first marriage, to Cornelia:

- + 163 i **THEODORE FOSTER⁶ RIGGS**, born 7 July 1874, Hope Station, Ft. Sully Area (now Stanley Co.), Dak. Terr, married (1) **IDA RUDOLPH SMITH**, married (2) **KATHARINE ZIMMERMAN CUGLE**, and had two children.

Children of the second marriage, to Margaret:

- 164 ii **CORNELIA MARGARET⁶ RIGGS**, born 11 Mar. 1886, Dakota Terr., died 8 Aug. 1886.
- + 165 iii **ROBERT IRVINE⁶ RIGGS**, born 8 Sept. 1887, Oahe, Hughes Co., S.D., married **FLORENCE MOSELEY**, and had six children.
- 166 iv **LAWRENCE HOWARD⁶ RIGGS**, born 16 July 1889, Oahe, Hughes Co., S.D., died 19 May 1988, last residence Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., S.D.^[478]
- 167 v **MURIEL⁶ RIGGS**, born 26 July 1892, Oahe, Hughes Co., S.D., died 1901, South Dakota.

115. HENRY MARTYN⁵ RIGGS (⁵³*Stephen Return*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Joseph*², *Gideon*¹) was born 25 Sept. 1849, Lac qui Parle, (in what is to be Lac qui Parle Co.) Minn. Terr., married 24 Sept. 1878^[479] **LUCY M. DODGE**, who was born 29 Feb. 1852, Grafton, Worcester Co., Mass., daughter of probably Martha (–) Dodge.

477. U.S. census, 1930, Peoria Twp., Hughes Co., S.D., ED 185, r. 2224, p. 101, sh. 1A, dw. 3, fam. 3. R. I. resided in dw. 2.

478. *South Dakota Births, 1856–1903*, Robert Irvine Riggs, 16 July 1889, Hughes Co., father Thomas Lawrence Riggs, mother Margaret Louisa Irvine; SSDI, Lawrence H. Riggs, SSN 408–07–2874, born 16 July 1889, died 19 May 1988, last residence 57104 Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., S.D., issued Tenn. (before 1951); *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Lawrence Howard Riggs, 27, of Oahe, Hughes Co., S.D., born 16 July 1889, Oahe, S.D., stockman, Riggs Irrigation Co. manager, single, registered 5 June 1917, Hughes Co., S.D., FHL 1877794 (Robert I. Riggs is registrar).

479. Riggs, *Mary and I*, 409, “Henry was married in September, 1878.”

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In 1880 Henry M. Riggs, 30, an Indian school steward born in Minnesota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in Eastern, Knox Co., Nebr., with his wife, Lucy M., 28, born in Massachusetts of Massachusetts natives, and with son, Lewis W., 7/12, born in Nebraska, and Anna Skea, 29, an Indian school matron, born in England of English natives. Alfred L. Riggs resided nearby.^[480]

In 1900 Henry M. Riggs, 50, an “express[?]” born Sept. 1849 in Minnesota of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Massachusetts, resided in Grafton, Worcester Co., Mass., with his wife of 21 years, Lucy M., 48, born Feb. 1852 in Massachusetts of a father born in Maine and a mother in Massachusetts, and with sons, Lewis W., 20, born Oct. 1879, and Alfred D., 18, born July 1881, both born in Nebraska of a father born in Minnesota, and twin daughters, Martha A. and Mary L., 9, both born Dec. 1890 in Massachusetts of a father born in Nebraska. Lucy had had five children with four surviving. Also in the household were Martha Dodge, 84, a widow born Mar. 1816 in Massachusetts of Massachusetts natives, and his granddaughter Luey[?] Biscoe, 33, single, born Sept. 1866 in Minnesota of Massachusetts natives. Martha Dodge had had four children with three surviving.^[481] It appears that Lucy’s twins were not Henry’s natural daughters.

Known children, of five:

- 168 i LEWIS W.⁶ RIGGS, born Oct. 1879, Nebraska.
- 169 ii ALFRED D.⁶ RIGGS, born July 1881, Nebraska.
- 170 iii ?MARTHA A.⁶ RIGGS (twin), born Dec. 1890, Massachusetts.
- 171 iv ?MARY L.⁶ RIGGS (twin), born Dec. 1890, Massachusetts.

480. U.S. census, 1880, Eastern, Knox Co., Nebr., ED 107, r. 751, p. 60B, dw. 13, fam. 13. Alfred resided in dw. 11.

481. U.S. census, 1900, Grafton, Worcester Co., Mass., ED 1632, r. 692, p. 21, sh. 21A, dw. 400, fam. 441.

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131. HENRY EARLE⁶ RIGGS (⁸⁹*Samuel Agnew⁵, Joseph⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹*) was born 8 May 1865, Lawrence, Kans., and died 5 July 1949, probably Ann Arbor, Mich.^[482] He married 1 Oct. 1890^[483] **EMMA KING HYNES**, who was born 9 Jan. 1867,^[484] Illinois, daughter of Samuel Burke and Ellen Magdaline (Anderson) Hynes. Henry was author of *Our Pioneer Ancestors*.

In 1900 H. E. Riggs, 35, a civil engineer born May 1865 in Kansas of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Maumee, Lucas Co., Ohio, with his wife of 10 years, Emma, 33, born Jan. 1867 in Illinois of Indiana natives. She had had five [*sic*] children, with five [*sic*] surviving and four residing in the household: daughters, Ellen, 8, born May 1892, and “Genivia,” 6, born Nov. 1893, son, Samuel, 5, born June 1895, daughter, Emma, 3, born May 1897, all four born in Ohio. There were also a servant and a nurse in the household.^[485]

In 1910 Henry E. Riggs, 43, a civil engineer born in Kansas of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Maumee, Lucas Co., Ohio, with his wife of 20 years, Emma, 42, born in Illinois of Indiana natives. She had had seven children, with seven surviving and all residing in the household: daughters, Ellen E., 17, and Genevieve L., 16, son, Samuel H., 14, daughter, Emma “H.,” 12, daughter [*sic*], “Agnew J.,” 10, and daughter, “Catherine,” 8, and son, Finley B., 6, all seven born in Ohio. There was also a domestic in the household.^[486]

In 1920 Henry Riggs, 54, a university teacher born in Kansas of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Ann Arbor,

482. “Memoirs: Henry Earle Riggs,” *Register* 103:313, “Henry Earle Rigge, of Ann Arbor, Mich., who was elected an annual member of the Society 1 Dec. 1942, died 5 July 1949.”

483. “Memoirs: Henry Earle Riggs,” *Register* 103:313, “He married, 1 Oct. 1890, Emma King Hynes, born 9 Jan. 1867, a daughter of Samuel Burke Hynes and his wife, Ellen Magdaline Anderson.”

484. “Memoirs: Henry Earle Riggs,” *Register* 103:313.

485. U.S. census, 1900, Maumee, Lucas Co., Ohio, ED 120, r. 1299, p. 301, sh. 10B, dw. 247, fam. 247.

486. U.S. census, 1910, Maumee, Lucas Co., Ohio, ED 163, r. 1210, p. 285, sh. 13A, dw. 38, fam. 40.

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Washtenaw Co., Mich., with his wife, Emma, 52, born in Illinois of Indiana natives, and with his son, Samuel H., 24, a law office clerk, daughter, Emma K., 22, son, Joseph A., 20, daughter, Catharine, 18, and son, Finley B., 15, all five born in Ohio, and also his father, Samuel A. Riggs, 84, born in Ohio of a father born in Pennsylvania and a mother in Virginia, and his mother, Catharine E., 83, born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania natives. There was also a domestic in the household.^[487]

In 1930 Henry E. Riggs, 64, a civil engineer at the University of Michigan born in Kansas of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Pennsylvania, resided in Ann Arbor Twp., Washtenaw Co., Mich., with his wife, Emma H., 63, born in Illinois of Indiana natives. Henry was first married at 25, and Emma at 24.^[488]

Children:^[489]

- 172 i ELLEN EARLE⁷ RIGGS, born 10 May 1892, married STRATFORD B. DOUGLAS.
- 173 ii GENEVIEVE LYLE⁷ RIGGS, born 6 Nov. 1893, married WILLIAM B. THOM.
- + 174 iii SAMUEL HYNES⁷ RIGGS, born 29 June 1895, married MARY FLORENCE BUCKBEE, and had four children.
- 175 iv EMMA KING⁷ RIGGS, born 6 or 27 May 1897, married GEORGE L. OHESTROM.
- + 176 v JOSEPH AGNEW⁷ RIGGS, born 8 or 9 July 1899, married GRETCHEN WALSER, and had three children.
- 177 vi CATHARINE DOANE⁷ RIGGS, born 9 Jan. 1902, married JAMES MANN MILLER.
- 178 vii FINLEY BALDRIDGE⁷ RIGGS, born 16 Oct. 1904, married SARAH WALSER, and had two children.

136. WILLIAM THOMAS⁶ ECKLEY (₁₀₀Thomas R.⁵ Eckley, Hannah⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹) was born 8 Sept. 1855, Lancaster, Keokuk Co., Iowa,

487. U.S. census, 1920, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., Mich., ED 140, r. 799, p. 164, sh. 8A, dw. 180, fam. 189.

488. U.S. census, 1930, Ann Arbor Twp., Washtenaw Co., Mich., ED 17, r. 1029, p. 99, sh. 15A, dw. 334, fam. 335.

489. "Memoirs: Henry Earle Riggs," *Register* 103:313; Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 43, Chart No. 2, col. 4.

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died 12 Sept. 1908, Grand Haven, Ottawa Co., Mich.,^[490] and was buried there 14 Sept. 1908, Grand Haven Cem.^[491] He married (1) 20 Apr. 1882, Keokuk Co., Iowa,^[492] **MARY EVA WOODBRIDGE**, who was born 1861, Keokuk Co., Iowa, daughter of Samuel and Caroline (Bentley) Woodbridge,^[493] and who died 2 Dec. 1894, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., aged 33, was removed for burial to What Cheer, Keokuk Co., Iowa,^[494] where she was buried in Highland Cem. with her parents.^[495] William married (2) 12 Apr.

490. Death certificate, image online, State of Michigan, Dept. of State, Division of Vital Statistics, no. 236, William T. Eckley, died 12 Sept. 1908, Grand Haven, Ottawa Co., Mich., aged 53 yrs. 0 mos. 4 dys., born 8 Sept. 1855, Iowa, male, white, M.D., first married at 29, parent of two children, one living, father Thomas Eckley, born Pa., and unknown mother, informant Mrs. W. T. Eckley, of Grand Haven, buried 14 Sept. 1908, Grand Haven [word I can't read]. See *Mich. Death Records, 1897-1928*; obit., *Chicago Daily Tribune*, 1908, image online, "Dr. William T. Eckley, late professor of anatomy in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, died at his home near Grand Haven, Mich., yesterday of heart disease. Dr. Eckley retired from the faculty of the college two years ago. He is survived by his wife and one son."

491. *Find a Grave*, no. 81561061, no gravestone photograph, Grand Haven Cem., Ottawa Co., Mich., plot "A; E48-2"; *Grand Haven Cem. A-G* "Deceased Name Location ID Owner Name Death Date Birth Date Sex Vet | . . . | Eckley, Corrine 01-01-0E-0048-04-1 Eckley & heirs F | Eckley, Ralph S 01-01-0E-0048-07-1 Eckley & heirs 10/2/1922 4/10/1897 M Y | Eckley, William T. 01-01-0E-0048-2-1 Eckley & heirs M." So all three lie in section E, presumably plot 48, locations 4, 7, and 2 (or row 48, plots 4, 7, and 2), respectively, all owned by Eckley & heirs.

492. *Iowa County Marriages, 1838-1934*, "Wm." Thomas Eckley, 27, son of Thomas Eckley and H. D. Hart, to Mary Eva Woodbridge, born about 1861, daughter of "Saml." Woodbridge and Caroline Bentley, GS 1005837.

493. US census, 1880, Van Buren Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, ED 153, r. 349, p. 94C, dw. 21, fam. 22, lists Samuel Woodgridge, 62, born Ohio, wife, "Carline," 53, born Ohio, and five children, including daughter "May" E., 19, a teacher born Iowa.

494. *Cook Co., Ill., Deaths Index, 1878-1922*, Mary E. Eckley, 33, born Iowa, died 2 Dec. 1894, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., buried (presumably removed) 2 Dec. 1894, What Cheer, Keokuk Co., Iowa, white, married, female, housewife, FHL 1031000.

495. *Find a Grave*, no. 108781323, no gravestone photograph, Highland Cem., What Cheer, Keokuk Co., Iowa, plot: block 3, lot 63, which is shared with Samuel Woodbridge and Caroline Bentley Woodbridge according to the site; *Highland Cem. What Cheer Iowa*, lists the occupants of block 3, lot 63, as "Mary E. Eckley Woodbridge, 1861-1894 | . . . | Caroline Woodbridge, 1827-1911 | Samuel Woodbridge, 1818-1888," with two others Woodbridge family members.

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1896, Cook Co., Ill.,^[496] **CORINNE BUFORD CHEEK**,^[497] who was born May 1864, Indiana (1900 census), or 17 May 1865, Kentucky (death certificate), or about 1866 (marriage certificate), daughter of John **Clark**,^[498] and died 1 July 1910, Grand Rapids, Kent Co., Mich.,^[499] and was buried 4 July 1910 in Grand Haven Cem. near William.^[500]

From an obituary for William:

William T Eckley MD died of heart disease Saturday morning September 12 at his country home near Grand Haven Mich. He was a graduate of the University of Iowa class of 1884. In 1887 he became professor of anatomy in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk, Iowa. After six years he accepted a similar position in the Dental Department of Northwestern University. He was associated in the same capacity with a half dozen Chicago schools between 1893 and 1901 when he became head professor of anatomy in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago. In this position he continued until about a year before his death.^[501]

496. Marriage licenses issued “yesterday, the parties living in Chicago,” *Chicago Daily Tribune*, 12 Apr. 1896, Chicago, Ill., William “J.” Eckley, 40, to Corinne B. “Chek,” 30, courtesy of Randall Eckley; *Cook Co., Ill., Marriages Index, 1871–1920*, William Thomas Eckley, 40, to Corinne B. Cheek, 30, 12 Apr. 1896, Cook Co., Ill., certificate 246992, FHL 1030261.

497. Her middle name is from the title page of *Practical Anatomy*, eds. W. T. Eckley, M.D., and Mrs. Corinne Buford Eckley [also an M.D.], a digital photocopy of which was sent me by Randall Eckley, and also from an article by Michael A. Lane, A master of dissection: Professor Wm. T. Eckley of Illinois, who prepared the startling specimens at the World’s Fair, *National Magazine*, Nov. 1904, 21:164–166, on p. 166: “His wife, Mrs. Corinne Buford Eckley, is herself a well known teacher of anatomy and last Spring ws a candidate for trustee of the University of Illinois,” digital photocopy also courtesy of Randall Eckley.

498. **Her surname is in doubt**, recorded in various places as Check, Cheek, Chek, Clark. There is a John Check (Cheek) born about 1827, Ohio, wife, Jane, born about 1836, Ohio, who had three children, including Coreena (Corrine), born about 1862, Ind., in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses.

499. Death certificate, State of Mich., Dept. of State, Division of Vital Statistics, no. 836, Corinne Eckley, usual address Chicago, Ill., died 1 July 1910, Grand Rapids, Kent Co., Mich., female, white, widow, aged 45 yrs. 1 mo. 13 dys., born 17 May 1865, Kentucky, father John Clark, of unknown birthplace, mother unknown, informant R. J. Eckley, of Grand Haven, Mich., buried, 4 July 1910, Grand Haven, Mich., digital photocopy courtesy of Randall Eckley.

500. *Find a Grave*, no. 81561059, no gravestone photograph, Grand Haven Cem., Ottawa Co., Mich., plot “A; E48-7.” Unsourced note: “w/o William F [sic].”

501. Obit., William T. Eckley, by H.E. Sante, *Bulletin of Chicago Medical Society*, 8:11, transcription courtesy of Randall Eckley.

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From an obituary for Corinne:

Mrs. Corinne B. Eckley, widow of Prof. William T. Eckley, formerly of Chicago, died on Thursday at the People's hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich., after four months' illness. Mrs. Eckley was well known here, her husband having been connected with the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons, and she having been a candidate at one time for trustee of the state university. Recently Mrs. Eckley has lived at her country place near Grand Haven.^[502]

In 1885 W. T. Eckley, 29, an M.D. born in Keokuk Co., Iowa, and his wife, Mary, 24, born in Keokuk Co., Iowa, resided in Lafayette Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa.^[503]

In 1900 William T. Eckley, 48, a professor of anatomy born Sept. 1851 [sic] in Iowa of Ohio natives, resided in Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., with his wife of five years, "Corrinne," 36, a professor of anatomy born May 1864 in Indiana of Ohio natives, and his son, Ralph J., 11, born June 1888, Iowa, and one servant. Corinne had had one child, and it survived.^[504]

Known children of the first marriage, to Mary:

- 179 i **LOUIS**⁷ **ECKLEY**, born Jan. 1887, Harper, Keokuk Co., Iowa.^[505] He must have died young, before the 1900 census.
- 180 ii **RALPH J. SAMUEL**⁷ **ECKLEY**, born 20 June 1888, Ft. Madison, Iowa,^[506] died 6 Sept. 1922, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.,^[507] and buried

502. Obit., Corinne B. Eckley, Chicago Daily Tribune, 1910, image online at *Historical Newspaper, Birth, Marriage, & Death Announcements, 1851–2003*; another obit. from the same source: "Corinne B. Eckley, nee Cheek, at People's hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich., June 30, 1920, widow of the late Prof. William T. Eckley, formerly of Chicago and Grand Haven, Mich."

503. Iowa census, 1885, Lafayette Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, r. 214, line 2, dw. 29.

504. U.S. census, 1900, Chicago, Hyde Park Twp., Cook Co., Ill., ED 1079, r. 289, p. 78, sh. 23B, dw. 232, fam. 325.

505. *Iowa, Births and Christenings Index, 1857–1947*, Louis Eckley, born Jan. 1887, Harper, Keokuk Co., Iowa, father W. T. Eckley, born Lancaster, Iowa, mother M. E. Woodbridge, born Keokuk Co., Iowa, FHL 1005835.

506. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Ralph S. Eckley, 29, of Muskegon, Mich., born 20 June 1888, Ft. Madison, Iowa, pharmacist, single, registered 5 June 1917, Muskegon.

507. *Cook Co., Ill., Deaths Index, 1878–1922*, Ralph Samuel Eckley, 34, died 6 Sept. 1922, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., white, single, pharmacist, resident of Battle Creek, Mich., born 20 June 1898 [sic], Ft. Madison, Iowa, father William Thomas Eckley, born Burlington, Iowa, mother Mary Woodbridge, born Reswick [sic], Iowa, FHL 1378969. Burlington, Des Moines Co., and Renwick,

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in Grand Haven Cem., Ottawa Co., Mich. with his father and his father's second wife.^[508] He was probably the R. J. Eckley who was the informant on his mother's death in 1910.

139. ABRAHAM L.⁶ ECKLEY (¹⁰⁰*Thomas R.⁵ Eckley, Hannah⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹*) was born **1 Mar. 1862** about 1863, Keokuk Co., Iowa, and died **20 May 1886**, probably the A. L. Eckley buried in Pleasant Grove Cem., Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa.^[509] He married 16 Feb. 1886, Harper, Keokuk Co., Iowa,^[510] **ELIZABETH SCHILTZ**, born about 1861, daughter of John and Anna Maria (Becker) Schiltz.^[511] Elizabeth married, second, after Abraham's untimely death, 15 Nov. 1893, Harper, Keokuk Co., Iowa,^[512] William Kern.

Abraham is mentioned as a Freshman student of philosophy at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, and a resident of Sigourney, in the 1880–1881 catalog.^[513]

In 1880 Elizabeth Schiltz, 19, born in Iowa, with her mother, Anna M. Besser, born in France, in the household of her stepfather, Nicholas Besser, 46, born in Prussia, and his family and also several other Schiltz

Humboldt Co., don't match other stated birthplaces for his parents.

508. *Find a Grave*, no. 81561060, gravestone photograph, Grand Haven Cem., Ottawa Co., Mich., "Ralph S. Eckley | Michigan | Sgt. 310 Eng HQ & M.P. | World War I | April 10, 1897 Oct. 2, 1922," plot "A; E48-7"; there is a gravestone application, image online at *US Headstone Application, 1925–1963*, for Ralph S. Eckley, for veteran's service, for the Grand Haven Twp. Cem., Ottawa Co., Mich., applied for by J. W. Woodbridge, of Emmetsburg, Iowa, 16 Dec. 1946, but its birth and death dates are wrong for this Ralph: 10 Apr. 1897, 2 Oct. 1922.

509. *Find a Grave*, no. 106753445, gravestone photograph, Pleasant Grove Cem., Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, "A. L. Eckley."

510. *Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934*, A. L. Eckley, 24, son of Thomas R. Eckley and "Hanna D. Hard," to "Lizzie" Schiltz, born about 1860, daughter of John Schiltz and Anna Maria Becker, GS 1005837.

511. *Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934*, John "Shiltz" to Mary Ann Baker, 1 Nov. 1858, Keokuk Co., Iowa, GS 1005837.

512. *Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934*, William Kern, 29, son of George Kern and Theressa Salbach, to Elizabeth Eckley, born about 1861, daughter of John Schiltz and Mary Ann Baker, GS 1005837.

513. *US School Catalogs, 1765–1935*, 1881, Iowa State University, "[Freshman Class] Eckley, Abraham L. Ph., Sigourney."

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children. Her mother had married, second, 14 Dec. 1869, Keokuk Co., Iowa,^[514] Mr. Besser.

In 1885 A. L. Eckley, 22, a schoolteacher born in Keokuk Co., Iowa, resided in Lafayette Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, in the household of Peter Besser, 48, born in Prussia, and his family.^[515]

In 1885 Elizabeth Schiltz, 25, born in Keokuk Co., Iowa, resided in Lafayette Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, in the household of Nicholas Besser, 51 [possibly 57], born in Prussia, and his family.^[516] Johann Besser immigrated from Prussia in 1844 and in his family were “Nicolaus,” 10, and Johann Peter, 6.^[517] So Nicholas and Peter were probably brothers.

In 1925 Elizabeth Kern, 64, a widow, resided in Des Moines, Iowa, with her daughters, Margaret, 30, and Cecilia, 26, both single. Elizabeth’s parents were John Schiltz, born in Germany, and “Emma” Baker, born in France, and married in Sigourney, Iowa. The parents of the daughters were William Kern, born in Germany, and Elizabeth Schiltz, born in Iowa, and married in Harper, Iowa.^[518]

141. ROMAIN[E] [ROMA] RALPH⁶ ECKLEY (¹⁰⁰Thomas R.⁵ Eckley, Hannah⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹) was born 11 Mar. 1868, Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, died 11 July 1945, aged 77,^[519] and was buried in Graceland Cem. He married 29 Sept. 1902, Porter Co., Ind.,^[520] **NELLIE H. BOLAN**, who was born about 1872, Michigan. They divorced before the 1920 census.

514. *Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934*, Nicholas Besser to Anna M. “Shiltz,” GS 1005838.

515. Iowa census, 1885, Lafayette Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, r. 214, line 18, dw. 40, fam. 41.

516. Iowa census, 1885, Lafayette Twp., Keokuk Co., Iowa, r. 214, line 22, dw. 156, fam. 161.

517. *N.Y. Passenger Lists, 1820–1957*, 28 June 1844, arrival New York, N.Y., from Amsterdam, ship *Henry Shelton*, list 498, line 74, Johann Besser, 39, line 76, Nicolaus Besser, 10, and line 78, Johann Peter Besser, 6.

518. Iowa census, 1925, Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa, r. 1895, line 3, dw. 813.

519. *Obits. Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger, 1938–1995*, Romaine Ralph Eckley, from Chicago and Valparaiso, died 11 July 1945, age 77, reported in papers of 11 July 1945 and 14 July 1945.

520. *Ind. Marriage Collection, 1800–1941*, Roma Ralph Eckley to Nellie Bolan, 29 Sept. 1902, Porter Co.

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In 1900 Roma R. Eckley, 32, a druggist born Mar. 1868 in Iowa of Ohio natives, resided in Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., with his partner, Roy A. Roszell, 31, a physician born in Iowa of New York natives.^[521]

In 1910 Roma R. Eckley, 42, a pharmacist born in Iowa of Ohio natives, resided in Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., with his wife of seven years, "Nelle" H., 38, a drug clerk born in Michigan of a father born in Ireland and a mother in Canada.^[522]

In 1920 Roma Eckley, 42, a druggist born in Iowa of Ohio natives, resided in Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., divorced, alone.^[523]

From an obituary for him:

Romaine Ralph Eckley, 77, former Valparaiso resident, but for many years a resident of Chicago died at 4 a.m. today in Porter Memorial hospital.

The decedent was born at Sigourney, Iowa, on March 11, 1868 and came to Chicago at an early age, where he was engaged in the drug business for many years.

Surviving are a sister, Margaret, of Attleboro, Mass.; a brother Harry Eckley, of LaPorte, and two half sisters, Mrs. Ruth Lee, of North Weymouth, Mass., and Mrs. Schuyler Wheeler, of Valparaiso and a number of nieces and nephews. A brother, Charles Eckley, of Valparaiso, preceded him in death last July. . . .

Burial will be in Graceland cemetery.^[524]

146. CHARLES RANDOLPH⁶ ECKLEY (₁₀₀Thomas R.⁵ Eckley, Hannah⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹) was born 25 Mar. 1885, Sigourney, Keokuk Co., Iowa, and died 24 July 1944, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind.,^[525] and was

521. U.S. census, 1900, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., ED 1124, r. 290, p. 250, sh. 9A, dw. 94, fam. 146.

522. U.S. census, 1910, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., ED 441, r. 248, p. 301, sh. 9A, dw. 124, fam. 190.

523. U.S. census, 1920, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., ED 316, r. 248, p. 301, sh. 4A, dw. 51, fam. 83.

524. Obit., Former Valpo resident dies, *The Vidette Messenger*, Valparaiso, Ind., 11 July 1945, p. 1, col. 5.

525. Death certificate, Porter Co. Board of Health, Valparaiso, Ind., Charles R. Eckley, died 24 July 1944, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., aged 59 yrs., male white, married, buried 26 July 1944, Graceland Cem., Valparaiso, filed 1 Aug. 1944, 13:85, digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley; *Obits. Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger, 1938-1995*, Charles R. Eckley, from Valparaiso, died 24 July 1944, age 59, reported in paper of 24 July 1944; *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Charles Randolph Eckley, 57, of Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., born 25 Mar. 1885, Sigourney, Ind., person

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buried 26 July 1944 in Graceland Memorial Park., Valparaiso.^[526] He married 28 June 1911, Porter Co., Ind.,^[527] **LACELIA LADAUER**, who was born 11 Aug. 1888, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., daughter of Louis and Elizabeth (McConnell) LaDauer, and died 22 Oct. 1970, Valparaiso,^[528] and was buried 26 Oct. 1970 with her husband in Graceland Memorial Park.

In 1920 Charles Eckley, 33, born in Iowa of a father born in Ohio and a mother in Iowa, resided in Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., with his wife, Lacia, 29, born in Indiana of a father born in New York and a mother in Indiana, and his daughter, "Deloris," 5 10/12, and son, Edgar, 2 4/12, both born in Indiana.^[529]

In 1930 Charles Eckley, 45, born in Iowa of U.S. natives, resided in Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., with his wife, "Cecelia," 41, born in Indiana of a father born in the U.S. and a mother in Indiana, and his daughter, Dolores, 16, and sons, Edgar, 13, and Harlan, 10, all born in Indiana. Charles was first married at 25, and Cecelia at 21.^[530]

In 1940 Charles Eckley, 55, born in Iowa, resided in Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., with his wife, Lacia, 50, born in Indiana, and

who will always know your address LaCelia Eckley, of Valparaiso.

526. *Find a Grave*, no. 122517341, gravestone photograph, by Randall⁸ Eckley, Graceland Memorial Park, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., "Eckley | LaCelia | 1889-1970 | | Charles | 1885-1944 | Howard | 1917-1918."

527. *Ind. Marriages, 1811-1959*, image online, Charles R. Eckley, 26, born 25 Mar. 1885, Sigourney, Iowa, son of Thomas R. Eckley (born Dayton, Ohio, deceased) and Ella R. Mills (born Keokuk Co., Iowa, of Valparaiso, Ind.), to LaCelia LaDauer, 23, born 11 Aug. 1888, Valparaiso, Ind., daughter of Louis LaDauer (born New York, N.Y., of Valparaiso) and Elizabeth McConnell (born Porter Co., Ind., of Valparaiso), on 28 June 1911, Porter Co., Ind., by Claude E. Hill MG, GS 11686213.

528. Death certificate, Porter Co. Board of Health, Valparaiso, Ind., LaCelia Eckley, died 22 Oct. 1970, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., aged 81 yrs., female white, widowed, buried 26 Oct. 1970, Graceland Cem., Chicago [sic], filed 12 Nov. 1970, 21:E-2, digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley; *Obits. Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger, 1938-1995*, Lacia Eckley, from Valparaiso, died 22 Oct. 1970, age 81, reported in paper of 23 Oct. 1970.

529. U.S. census, 1920, Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., ED 142, r. 460, p. 51, sh. 3B, dw. 62, fam. 78.

530. U.S. census, 1930, Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., ED 5, r. 622, p. 42, sh. 4A, dw. 83, fam. 91.

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his sons, Edgar, 22, and Harlan, 19, both born in Indiana. They all resided in the same place in 1935.^[531]

Children:^[532]

- 181 i **DOLORES L.⁷ ECKLEY,**^[533] born 16 Mar. 1914, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., and died 26 Apr. 1975, Valparaiso,^[534] buried in Graceland Memorial Park,^[535] married 9 Sept. 1932 **VICTOR ELMER JOHNSON,** born 7 Sept. 1912 in Chicago, died 2 Apr. 1967, Valparaiso,^[536] buried with Dolores, and had two children:^[537]

(1) Patricia Lee⁸ Johnson, born 20 Oct. 1933, Valparaiso, married first 11 June 1955 Victor M. Ferklic, born 13 Aug. 1924,^[538] Gary,

531. U.S. census, 1940, Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., ED 64-7, r. 1086, p. 198, sh. 9B, dw. 169.

532. Unless otherwise indicated, all facts for the following are from Randall⁸ Eckley, son or nephew of each, email 18 Dec. 2013.

533. Husband Victor's middle name, date of birth, and full dates and places for the two children and their spouses all from personal interviews by Randall⁸ Eckley, 14 Jan. 2014, of James Swanson, of Humboldt, Iowa, and 19 Dec 2013, of Patricia⁸ (Ferklic) Diedrich and her daughter, Suzanne⁹ (Ferklic) Johnson, both of Indianapolis, Ind.

534. *Obits. Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger, 1938-1995*, Dolores L. Johnson, from Valparaiso, died 26 Apr. 1975, age 61, reported in paper of 28 Apr. 1975, "Mrs. Victor E. (Dolores L.) Johnson, 61, of 107 Monroe St., died Saturday at the Willows Nursing Home. | Born March 16, 1914 in Valparaiso, the daughter of Charles and Lacia (LaDaur) Eckley, she was married to Victor E. Johnson who died in 1967. . . . Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Victor (Patricia) Ferklig [sic] of Valparaiso and Mrs. James (Diane) Swanson of Park Forest South, Ill.; six grandchildren; two brothers, Edgar R. and Harlan C. Eckley both of Valparaiso. . . . Burial will be in Graceland Cem.;" stated in an email document from Randall⁸ Eckley of 15 Dec. 2013, "my aunt, Mrs. Dolores L. Johnson [1914-1975]."

535. *Find a Grave*, no. 122586754, gravestone photograph, by Randall⁸ Eckley, Graceland Memorial Park, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., "Johnson | Dolores L. | 1914-1975 || Victor E. | 1912-1967."

536. *Obits. Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger, 1938-1995*, Victor E. Johnson, from Harvey, Ill., died 2 Apr. 1967, age 54, reported in papers of 3 and 4 Apr. 1967, "Victor E. Johnson, 54, of 101 West 154th street, Harvey, Ill., died at 6 p.m. Sunday in Porter Memorial Hospital. | He was born in Chicago, but resided most of his childhood and adult life in Valparaiso. . . . | On Sept. 9, 1932, he married Dolores L. Eckley, of Valparaiso, who survives. | Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Victor (Patricia L.) Ferklic, Valparaiso and Mrs. James (Diane) Swanson, Park Forest, Ill. . . ."

537. U.S. census, 1940, Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter Co., Ind., ED 64-4, r. 1086, p. 51, sh. 7B, dw. 166, lists Victor E. Johnson, 27 born Ill. of Swedish natives, lumber co. salesman, wife, "Doloris," 26, born Ind., daughters, Patricia Lee, 6, and Diane, 3/12, both born Ind.

538. SSDI, Victor M. Ferklic, SSN 309-22-8234, born 13 Aug. 1924, died 2 Nov. 1990, issued

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Lake Co., Ind., died 2 Nov. 1990, Valparaiso, and had four children,^[539] and second 14 Feb. 1982 Martin Charles Diedrich, born 15 May 1932,^[540] Ft. Wayne, Allen Co., Ind., died 30 Apr. 2011, San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex.;

(2) Diane⁸ Johnson, born 1 Jan. 1940, Valparaiso, died 15 Aug. 1993, Humboldt, Humboldt Co., Iowa, buried Union Cem., Humboldt, married 9 Sept. 1961, Harvey, Cook Co., Ill., James Swanson, born 28 June 1936, Lake City, Calhoun Co., Iowa, and adopted two children: Eric⁹ Swanson, and Karin⁹ Swanson. Dolores did much genealogical work on this family.

- 182 ii **EDGAR RALPH⁷ ECKLEY** (twin),^[541] born 1 June 1917, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., died 30 Apr. 1995, Valparaiso,^[542] buried 3 May 1995 in Graceland Memorial Park,^[543] married 6 Apr. 1941, Plymouth, Marshall Co., Ind., **LOIS (STOREY) LARCOM**, born 24 May 1919, daughter of Harry and Dorothy (–) Storey, and died 23 Aug.

Ind. (before 1951).

539. From the Randall⁸ Eckley interview with Patricia⁸ (Ferklic) Diedrich and Suzanne⁹ (Ferklic) Johnson on 19 Dec. 2013 the children were: (1) Suzanne Rene⁹ Ferklic, born 26 Mar. 1956, Valparaiso; (2) Vicki Lynn⁹ Ferklic, born 28 Sept. 1957, Valparaiso; (3) Steven Mark⁹ Ferklic, born 1 Feb. 1962, Valparaiso; and (4) Diana Leigh⁹ Ferklic, born 4 Apr. 1963, Rockford, Winnebago Co., Ill.; obit., Martin Diedrich, *US Cem. and Funeral Home Collection*, supports this data and further gives Suzanne's husband as – Johnson, and Vicki's as – Gilbert.

540. SSDI, Martin Charles Diedrich, born 15 May 1932, died 30 Apr. 2011, issued Ind. (before 1951).

541. Full dates and places, unless otherwise stated, are from interviews held via questionnaires by Randall⁸ Eckley with Gary⁸ Eckley of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (sent 19 Dec. 2013, returned 29 Dec. 2013) and with Robert⁸ Eckley of Valparaiso, Ind. (sent 19 Dec. 2013, returned 26 Dec. 2013); Edgar's middle name from his daughter Sharon's marriage announcement (q.v.).

542. *Obits. Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger, 1938–1995*, Edgar R. Eckley, from Valparaiso, died 30 Apr. 1995, age 77, reported in papers of 1 and 2 May 1995, "Edgar R. Eckley, 77, of Valparaiso, went home to be with the Lord, Sunday, April 30, 1995. | He was born June 1, 1917, in Valparaiso, the son of Charles and Lacia (sic) Eckley | . . . | On April 6, 1941, he married Lois Storey Larcom, who survives. | Also surviving are a daughter Sharon (Rich) Kado of Valparaiso; two sons, Gary (Pat Rogers) Eckley of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Rev. Robert (Annette Polite) Eckley of Valparaiso; . . . | Services 10:30 a.m. Wednesday . . . burial at Graceland Cemetery . . .," digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley.

543. *Find a Grave*, no. 122587282, gravestone photograph, by Randall⁸ Eckley, Graceland Memorial Park, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., "Eckley | Edgar R. | 1917 1995 || Lois L. | 1919 [empty]."

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2009, Valparaiso,^[544] and was buried in Graceland Memorial Park, and had three children:

(1) Sharon Lynn⁸ Eckley, born 24 May 1944, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., died 10 May 2004, Valparaiso, buried Memorial Park Cem., Valparaiso,^[545] married 12 Sept. 1964, Valparaiso,^[546] Richard F. Kado, born 11 Apr. 1943, and had two children;^[547]

(2) Gary Charles⁸ Eckley, born 11 Aug. 1950, Valparaiso, married first 1970 Linda McKnight, born 16 Aug. 1951, Valparaiso, and second 3 Aug. 1974 Patricia Kay Rogers, born 13 Sept. 1951, Kokomo, Howard Co., Ind., and had two children;^[548]

(3) Robert Howard⁸ Eckley, born 26 Nov. 1951, Valparaiso, married 25 July 1970, Valparaiso, Annette Jean Polite, born 19 July 1951, Valparaiso, and had four children.^[549]

544. Obit., transcribed by Randall⁸ Eckley from *The Times*, 25–26 Aug. 2009, “Lois L. Eckley, 90, of Valparaiso, passed away Sunday, August 23, 2009 at her home. She was born May 24, 1919 in Valparaiso, the daughter of Harry and Dorothy Storey. . . . On April 6, 1941 in Plymouth, IN, Lois married Edgar Eckley who preceded her in death in 1995. Survivors include their two sons: Rev. Robert (Annette) Eckley of Valparaiso and Gary (Pat) Eckley of Cedar Rapids, IA, . . . She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Sharon Kado in 2004 . . . Burial to follow at Graceland Cemetery.” The obit. was online at <www.legacy.com/obituaries/nwitimes/obituary.aspx?n=Lois-Eckley&pid=131841932>, downloaded 18 Dec. 2013.

545. *Find a Grave*, no. 30289109, gravestone photograph, Memorial Park Cem., Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., “Kado | Richard F. | Apr.11, 1943 | [empty] || Sept. 12,1964 || Sharon L. | May 24, 1944 | May 10, 2004”; obit., Sharon L. Kado, online at *Find a Grave* site.

546. Marriage announcement, *Vidette Messenger*, Valparaiso, Ind., 28 Sept. 1964, p. 3, col. 5, “Eckley-Kado Ceremony at St. Paul’s,” “Mrs. Kado is the former Sharon Lynn Eckley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ralph Eckley . . . and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Kado . . . Their large church wedding occurred in St. Paul’s Catholic church Sept. 12 . . .,” transcription courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley.

547. The children were (1) Brian Christopher⁹ Kado, born 18 Oct. 1965, Valparaiso [Intelius Report, <www.intelius.com/>, accessed 15 Jan. 2014, “Brian C. Kado. DOB: Oct. 18, 1965 . . .,” courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley, who also supplied Brian’s middle name and the birthplaces for both children], and (2) Todd Michael⁹ Kado, born 15 Aug. 1969, Valparaiso, died 21 Dec. 1997, buried in Memorial Park Cem. [*Find a Grave*, no. 30289096, gravestone photograph, Memorial Cem., Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., “Todd Michael | Kado | Aug. 15 | 1969 || Dec. 21 | 1997”].

548. From the questionnaire interview of Gary⁸ Eckley by Randall⁸ Eckley, the children were: (1) Corey Charles⁹ Eckley, born 13 Mar. 1979, Valparaiso; and (2) Nicholas Ellis⁹ Eckley, born 18 Sept. 1981, Valparaiso. And Patricia’s first husband was David Norlington, with whom she had one child: Michelle Marie Norlington, born 25 Feb. 1970, Valparaiso.

549. From the questionnaire interview with Robert⁸ Eckley by Randall⁸ Eckley, the children were: (1) Kristal Marie⁹ Eckley, born 2 Jan. 1975, Valparaiso; (2) Kara Renee⁹ Eckley, born 1 Dec. 1977,

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- 183 iii **HOWARD**⁷ **ECKLEY** (twin), born 1 June 1917, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., died Feb. 1918, and buried with his parents in Graceland Memorial Park.
- 184 iv **HARLAN[D] CHARLES**⁷ **ECKLEY**, born 22 June 1920, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind.,^[550] died 26 Oct. 1975, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind.,^[551] and was buried 28 Oct. 1975 in Graceland Memorial Park, Valparaiso.^[552] He married 23 July 1944, Porter Co., Ind.,^[553] **ESTHER URSULA** [taken name **DONNA MARIE**] **DZIENNIK** [Americanized to **JANIK**], born 21 Oct. 1924, Portage Co., Wis., baptized 26 Oct. 1924, Mill Creek, Portage Co., Wis.,^[554] daughter of Theodore and

Valparaiso; (3) Kevin Robert⁹ Eckley, born 20 Dec. 1979, Valparaiso; and (4) Kellie Jean⁹ Eckley, born 2 Apr. 1981, Valparaiso.

550. Birth certificate, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., Harlan Charles Eckley, 22 June 1920, father Charles R. Eckley, mother Lacia LaDauer-Eckley, digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley; SSDI, Harlan Eckley, SSN 308-18-7999, born 22 June 1920, died Feb. 1976 [but inconsistent with his obit. and death certificate], issued Ind. (before 1951).

551. Death certificate, Ind. State Board of Health, Harlan C. Eckley, died 26 Oct. 1975, Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., age 55, white, male, born 22 June 1920, SSN 308-18-7999, law enforcement officer, married, to Donna Janik, father Charles Eckley, mother LaCelia “LaDuer,” informant Donna Eckley, wife, of Valparaiso, buried 28 Oct. 1975, Graceland Cem., Valparaiso, digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley; *Obits. Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger, 1938-1995*, Harlan Eckley, from Valparaiso, died 25 Oct. 1975, age 55, reported in paper of 29 and 27 Oct. 1975. His son, Randall, corrected his death date to 26 Oct. in an email of 17 Dec. 2013.

552. *Find a Grave*, no. 122587068, gravestone photograph, by Randall⁸ Eckley, Graceland Cem., Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., “Donna | October 21, 1924 | February 8, 1990 | Harlan C. | June 22, 1920 | October 26, 1975 || Eckley”; obit., Harlan Eckley, *Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger*, Mon. 27 Oct. 1975, p. 20, col. 1, “Harlan Eckley, 55, of 482 Ridgeland, former 15-year member of the Valparaiso Department, died Saturday night in Porter Memorial Hospital. . . . He was born June 23 [sic], 1920, in Valparaiso, the son of Charles and LaCelia “LaDeur” Eckley. He married Donna Janik, July 23, 1944. He is survived by his widow, his son, Randall of Michigan City, and his brother Edgar of Valparaiso. . . . Interment will be in Graceland Cemetery.”

553. Marriage license and certificate, Porter Co., Ind., Harlan Eckley to Esther Janik, 23 July 1944, by William H. Kelleher MG, license issued 21 July 1944, Harlan born 22 June 1920, Valparaiso, son of Charles Eckley, born Iowa, mother LaCelia LaDaur, born Valparaiso, Esther born 21 Oct. 1924, Wis., father Theodore Janik, born Wis., mother Veronica Bronk, born Wis., digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley.

554. Baptismal record, Mill Creek, Portage Co., Wis., Esther Dziennik, 26 Oct. 1924, “Ego infrascriptus baptizavi Estheram Ursulam natam die 21st Oct. 1924 ex Theodoro Dziennik ex loco – et Veronica Bronk ex loco – Patrini fuerunt James Klinger et Helena Klinger | Leon Jankawski,” digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley.

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Veronica (Bronk) Dziennik, and died 8 Feb. 1990, and was buried in Graceland Memorial Park with Harlan,^[555] and had one son:

(1) Randall Charles⁸ Eckley, born 12 July 1946, Valparaiso,^[556] my correspondent on this family, who was baptized 18 Aug. 1946, St. Paul Catholic Church, Valparaiso,^[557] married 28 Aug. 1971, Valparaiso,^[558] Cheryl Lyn[n] Johnson, born 19 Apr. 1946, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.,^[559] daughter of Raymond F. and Isabell (Lopez) Johnson.

163. THEODORE FOSTER⁶ RIGGS (₁₁₄*Thomas Lawrence⁵, Stephen Return⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹*) was born 7 July 1874, Hope Station, Ft. Sully Area (now Stanley Co.), Dak. Terr.^[560] He married (1) 1 Jan. 1914^[561] **IDA RUDOLPH SMITH**, who was born 2 Apr. 1883 Chester Basin, Nova Scotia,^[562] daughter of Edward Curren and Annie Frances (Crosskill) Smith, and who died 5 Feb. 1915.^[563] He married (2) 2 Sept. 1916, Pierre, Hughes

555. Gravestone photograph, by Randall⁸ Eckley, Graceland Cem., Valparaiso, Porter Co., Ind., “Donna | October 24, 1924 | February 8, 1990 || Harlan C. | June 22, 1920 | October 26, 1975 | Eckley.”

556. Birth certificate, Porter Co., Ind., Health Dept., no. 1961310, Randall Charles Eckley, born 12 July 1946, to Harlan C. and Esther M. Eckley, digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley; birth announcement, *Valparaiso Vidette-Messenger*, Sat. 13 July 1946, p. 2, col. 5, “A boy was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Eckley, Valparaiso RFD 5”; verified as his birthdate in an email from Randall⁸ Eckley of 18 Dec. 2013; “I do remember her saying her middle name was Marie,” email from Randall⁸ Eckley of 21 Dec. 2013, which included an Ind. driver’s license signed “Donna M. Eckley” and birthdate 21 Oct. 1924.

557. Baptism certificate, St. Paul Catholic Church, Valparaiso, Ind., Randall Charles Eckley, born 12 July 1946, to Harlan Eckley and Esther Janik, baptized 18 Aug. 1946, by Rev. John C. Witte, sponsors Irene Janik and Paul Listwan, digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley.

558. Marriage license and certificate, Porter Co., Ind., Randall Charles Eckley, born 12 July 1946, to Cheryl Lynn Johnson, born 19 Apr. 1946, 28 Aug. 1971, Valparaiso, by Jay W. Frazell MG, license issued 23 Aug. 1971, digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley.

559. Birth certificate, State of Ill., no. 16588, Cheryl Lyn Johnson, born 19 Apr. 1946, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., father Raymond F. Johnson, 24, born Chicago, mother Isabell Lopez, 22, born Hawaii, digital photocopy courtesy of Randall⁸ Eckley.

560. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Theodore Foster Riggs, 44, of Pierre, Hughes Co., S.D., born 7 July 1874, surgeon, wife Katharine C. Riggs of Pierre, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Hughes Co., S.D., FHL 1877794.

561. Kingsbury, *History of Dakota Territory*, 5:425–26.

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Co., S.D.,^[564] **KATHARINE ZIMMERMAN CUGLE**, who was born about **27 Mar.** 1887, Maryland, and died 15 Jan. 1957, Hughes Co., S.D.^[565]

A biography from a 1915 history of Dakota Terr.:^[566]

Thorough preparation for the profession, keen appreciation of its possibilities and a conscientious regard for its duties and obligations have placed Theodore Foster Riggs in the foremost rank among the practitioners of medicine and surgery in the capital city of South Dakota. While this state was still under territorial rule the family home was established at Hope Station in what is now Stanley county and there Dr. Riggs was born on the 7th of July, 1874, a son of Thomas Lawrence and Cornelia Margaret (Foster) Riggs. The father is a son of Stephen R. and Mary Ann (Longley) Riggs. The former, born in Steubenville, Ohio, March 23, 1812, was a missionary to the Sioux Indians in the northwest and died at Beloit, Wisconsin, Aug. 24, 1883. His wife, who was born at Hawley, Massachusetts, November 10, 1813, passed away in Beloit, March 22, 1869. The maternal grandparents of Dr. Riggs were John Burt and Catherine (McGaw) Foster. The former was born in Petersham, Massachusetts, June 5, 1819, and the latter at Bangor, Maine, January 10, 1819. Both passed away in the city of Bangor. Their daughter, Mrs. Riggs, was born March 19, 1848, and died on the 5th of August, 1878. She became the wife of Thomas Lawrence Riggs, who was born at Lac qui Parle, Minnesota, June 3, 1847, and in 1868 was graduated from Beloit College of Beloit, Wisconsin, with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He prepared for the ministry in the Chicago Theological Seminary, completing his course in 1872 and has been a Congregational missionary among the Dakota Sioux since then. It was on the 26th of Dec., 1872, that he wedded Cornelia Margaret Foster. Extended mention of him is made elsewhere in this work.

Their son, Dr. Theodore Foster Riggs, was a student at Beloit College, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1898. Upon the foundation of a broad classical course he built the superstructure of professional knowledge, winning his M. D. degree in 1903, on graduation from the Johns Hopkins

564. Marriage record, S.D. Dept. of History, Division of Census and Vital Statistics, 54606, registered No. 848, Theodore F. Riggs, 42, widower, of Pierre, Hughes Co., S.D., to Katherine Z. Cugle, 29, maiden, of Baltimore, Md., 2 Sept. 1916, Pierre, by Thomas L. Riggs, MG.

565. S.D. *Death Index, 1905-1955*, Katherine C. Riggs, 15 Jan. 1957, Hughes, p. 313.

566. Kingsbury, *History of Dakota Territory*, 5:425-26.

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University at Baltimore, Maryland. He entered upon the practice of surgery in Pierre after having served as resident house officer in the Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1903-4. He was also assistant resident and resident surgeon in the Union Protestant Infirmary of Baltimore from 1904 until 1907. The following year he went abroad and did graduate student work in the line of his profession in Berlin and in Berne, Switzerland. In 1908 he acted as private assistant to Dr. A. W. Elting at Albany, New York, subsequent to which time he came to Pierre, where he has since practiced, making a specialty of surgery. He has been a member of the attending staff of St. Mary's Hospital since 1909 and has done much important hospital work along surgical lines. Studying in this great department of the profession, he has gained proficiency that ranks him with the ablest surgeons of the state. Dr. Riggs is a Fellow of American College of Surgeons and is also a member of the Western Surgical Association. He keeps abreast with the best thinking men of the age, with the latest scientific investigations and improvements in the methods of surgical work and displays notable skill in this chosen branch of his profession. He has few outside business interests, save that he is president of the Riggs Irrigation Company at Oahe. South Dakota.

Dr. Riggs is a republican but has never been an aspirant for office. He has attained high rank in Masonry, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery at Pierre and in El Riad Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Sioux Falls. He became a charter member of the Bachelor Club of Pierre in 1909 and his religious belief is evidenced in his connection with the Congregational church. He is well known in social circles, where his many sterling qualities and genial disposition have gained him a host of warm friends.

Dr. Riggs was married January 1, 1914, to Miss Ida Rudolph Smith, who was born April 2, 1883, at Chester Basin, Nova Scotia, a daughter of Edward Curren and Annie Frances (Crosskill) Smith. Her father is deceased but her mother still resides in Chester. Nova Scotia. Mrs. Riggs died February 5, 1915.

In 1910 Dr. Theodore F. Riggs, 35, a single medical doctor born in South Dakota of South Dakota natives, resided in a "batchlors club" in Pierre, Hughes Co., S.D.^[567]

567. U.S. census, 1910, Pierre, Hughes Co., S.D., ED 229, r. 1482, p. 72, sh. 7A, dw. 114, fam. 119.

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In 1920 “Thodore” Riggs, 45, a hospital surgeon born in South Dakota of a father born in Minnesota and a mother in Maine, resided in Pierre, Hughes Co., S.D., with his wife, “Catherane” C., 32, born in Maryland of Maryland natives.^[568]

In 1930 Theodore F. Riggs, 55, a physician born in South Dakota of a father born in Minnesota and a mother in Maine, resided in Pierre, Hughes Co., S.D., with his wife, Katharine, 43, born in Maryland of Maryland natives, and with his sons, Thomas L., 6, and Foster L., 4 1/12, both born in South Dakota. Theodore was 41 at first marriage, and Katharine 29.^[569]

Children:

- 185 i **THOMAS L.⁷ RIGGS II**, born 26 Aug. 1923, South Dakota, died 28 Dec. 2001, last residence Reedsburg, Sauk Co., Wis.,^[570] married July 1948, Pierre, Hughes Co., S.D.,^[571] **JEAN RUTH EVANS**, born about 1929. They had at least one child: (1) Katherine⁸ Riggs, married – Tappen, and had at least one child: Amy⁹ Tappen.^[572]
- 186 ii **FOSTER LOGIE⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1926, South Dakota, died 22 May 2009, married **JANE L. —**, who was born about 1929, died Dec. 2008.^[573] They resided in 2007 in Minocqua, Oneida Co., Wis.^[574] Foster was a contributor to my DNA project. His Y-chromosome DNA matched that of Edward Riggs, immigrant to Roxbury, Mass.,

568. U.S. census, 1920, Pierre, Buckeye Twp., Hughes Co., S.D., ED 187, r. 1720, p. 139, sh. 2A, dw. 31, fam. 31.

569. U.S. census, 1930, Pierre, Hughes Co., S.D., ED 14, r. 2224, p. 131, sh. 11A, dw. 185, fam. 329.

570. SSDI, Thomas L. Riggs II, SSN 504-16-0714, born 26 Aug. 1923, died 28 Dec. 2001, last residence 53959 Reedsburg, Sauk Co., Wis., issued S.D. (before 1951).

571. Marriage record, S.D. State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, 2611874, registered No. 4250, Thomas L. Riggs II, 24, bachelor, of Pierre, Hughes Co., S.D., to Jean Ruth Evans, 19, maiden, of Pierre, July 1948 [day crossed out], Pierre, by Conrad H. Gesner, MG.

572. Email from Amy Tappen, 19 Jan. 2010, “. . . for my mom, Katherine Tappen (Riggs), the daughter of Thomas L. Riggs, Niece of Foster Riggs. We actually have silhouettes from 1782 of Gideon and his wife that have hung in our living room for the past 20 or so years.”

573. The deaths of both were reported in an email to me dated 16 June 2009, from their daughter (who referenced a brother).

574. U.S. *Public Records Index*, 9420 Country Club Rd., Minocqua, Oneida Co., Wis. 54548, 715-356-9514.

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in 1633, on 66 of 67 markers. Thus it is highly probable that either (1) he descended directly from Edward of Roxbury, or (2) both he and Edward of Roxbury descended from a common ancestor. The fact that Gideon lived in exactly that part of New Jersey known to have been settled by descendants of Edward of Roxbury makes (1) the likely truth. This does not, however, tell us what Gideon's descent from Edward of Roxbury was.

165. ROBERT IRVINE⁶ RIGGS (¹¹⁴*Thomas Lawrence⁵, Stephen Return⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹*) was born 8 Sept. 1887, Oahe, Hughes Co., S.D.,^[575] died Nov. 1975, last residence Tucson, Pima Co., Ariz.^[576] He married about **18 June 1913, South Dakota, FLORENCE MOSELEY**, who was born about 1882 **27 Apr. 1881, Beloit, Rock Co., Wis.**, and died **25 June 1900**.

In 1920 Robert Irvine Riggs, 32, a farmer and manager born in South Dakota of Minnesota natives, resided in Peoria Twp., Hughes Co., S.D., with his wife, Florence M., 38, born in Wisconsin of a father born in Illinois and a mother in New York, and with his sons, Thomas Lucius, 4 3/12, and Donald T., 3 1/12, and daughters, Ruth Marie, 1 5/12, and twins, Elizabeth H. and Jean Margaret, 0/12, all five born in South Dakota. Next door was Thomas Lawrence Riggs.^[577]

In 1930 R. I. Riggs, 42, a farmer born in South Dakota of a father born in Minnesota and a mother in Michigan, resided in Peoria Twp., Hughes Co., S.D., with his wife, Florence M., 48, born in Wisconsin of a father born in Illinois and a mother in New York, and with his sons, Thomas L., 14, and Donald, 13, and daughters, Ruth M., 11, and twins, Elizabeth H. and Jean M., 10, and Roberta R., 6, all six born in South Dakota. Robert

575. *South Dakota Births, 1856–1903*, Robert Irvine Riggs, 8 Sept. 1887, Hughes Co., father Thomas Lawrence Riggs, mother Margaret Louisa Irvine; *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Robert Irvine Riggs, 30, of Oahe, Hughes Co., S.D., born 8 Sept. 1887, Oahe, S.D., farmer, Riggs Irrigation Co. manager, wife and two children, registered 5 June 1917, Hughes Co., S.D., FHL 1877794.

576. SSDI, Robert Riggs, SSN 503-32-7842, born 8 Sept. 1887, died Nov. 1975, last residence 85718 Tucson, Pima Co., Ariz., issued S.D. (before 1951).

577. U.S. census, 1920, Peoria Twp., Hughes Co., S.D., ED 185, r. 1720, p. 131, sh. 4A, dw. 6, fam. 6. Thomas resided in dw. 7.

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was 25 at first marriage, and Florence 31. A hired man also resided in the household. Next door was T. L. Riggs.^[578]

Children:

- 187 i **THOMAS LUCIUS⁷ RIGGS**, born 19 Sept. 1915, South Dakota, died 12 Aug. 2002, last residence Denver, Denver Co., Colo.^[579]
- 188 ii **DONALD THEODORE⁷ RIGGS**, born 23 Nov. 1916, South Dakota, died 3 Jan. 1999, last residence Clear Lake, Polk Co., Wis.,^[580] married 25 Dec. 1941, Rapid City, Pennington Co., S.D.,^[581] **MARGARET MORGAN**, born about 1911.
- 189 iii **RUTH MARIE⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1919, South Dakota.
- 190 iv **ELIZABETH HOPE⁷ RIGGS** (twin), born about 1920, South Dakota, married 15 June 1943, Pierre, Hughes Co., S.D.,^[582] **CHARLEY F. GUTCH**, born about 1920.
- 191 v **JEAN MARGARET⁷ RIGGS** (twin), born about 1920, South Dakota.
- 192 vi **ROBERTA R.⁷ RIGGS**, born about 1924, South Dakota.

578. U.S. census, 1930, Peoria Twp., Hughes Co., S.D., ED 185, r. 2224, p. 101, sh. 1A, dw. 2, fam. 2. T. L. resided in dw. 3.

579. SSDI, Thomas L. Riggs, SSN 504-10-9544, born 19 Sept. 1915, died 12 Aug. 2002, last residence 80231 Denver, Denver Co., Colo., issued S.D. (before 1951).

580. SSDI, Donald T. Riggs, SSN 503-09-2311, born 23 Nov. 1916, died 3 Jan. 1999, last residence 54005 Clear Lake, Polk Co., Wis., issued S.D. (before 1951).

581. Marriage record, S.D. State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, 221004, registered No. 4-207, Donald T. Riggs, 25, bachelor, of Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., to Margaret Morgan, 30, maiden, of Rapid City, Pennington Co., S.D., 25 Dec. 1941, Rapid City, by Charles S. Hempstead, MG.

582. Marriage record, S.D. State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, 227263, registered No. 3607, Charley F. Gutch, 23, bachelor, of Albia, Monroe Co., Iowa, to Elizabeth H. Riggs, 23, maiden, of Pierre, Hughes Co., S.D., 15 June 1943, Pierre, by Harold W. Wagar, MG.

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174. SAMUEL HYNES⁷ RIGGS (¹³¹*Henry Earle⁶, Samuel Agnew⁵, Joseph⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹*) was born 29 June 1895, Toledo, Lucas Co., Ohio,^[583] and died Dec. 1978, last residence Salina, Mayes Co., Okla.^[584] He married 23 June 1923, Pentwater, Oceana Co., Mich.,^[585] **MARY FLORENCE BUCKBEE**, who was born 29 Jan. 1901, Illinois, daughter of John Theodore and Florence (Day) Buckbee, and who died 2 Nov. 1993, last residence Salina.^[586]

In 1930 Samuel H. Riggs, 34, a lawyer born in Ohio of a father born in Kansas and a mother in Illinois, resided in Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Okla., with his wife, Mary B., 29, born in Illinois of a father born in Illinois and a mother in Wisconsin, and with his daughter, Mary G., 11/12, born in Michigan. There was also a servant in the household. Samuel was 27 at first marriage, and Mary was 22.^[587]

Children:^[588]

193 i **JOAN BUCKBEE⁸ RIGGS**, born 7 Aug. 1926, Detroit, Wayne Co., Mich., died 25 Aug. 1927, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., Mich.^[589]

583. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Samuel Hynes Riggs, 21, of Ann Arbor, Mich., born 29 June 1890 [sic], Toledo, Ohio, single, white, registered 3 May [possibly 5 March] 1917, Ann Arbor.

584. SSDI, Samuel Riggs, SSN 442-07-1111, born 29 June 1895, died Dec. 1978, last residence 74365 Salina, Mayes Co., Okla., issued Okla. (before 1951).

585. *Mich., Marriage Records, 1867-1952*, marriages Oceana Co., 1923, “[no.] 5194 [license] June 21 1923 [names] Samuel Hynes Riggs | Mary Florence Buckbee [ages] 27 | 22 [races] wh | wh [residences] Ann Arbor, Mich. | Pentwater, Mich. [birthplaces] Ohio | Illionis [professions] Lawyer | At Home [fathers] Henry Earl Riggs | John Theodore | Buckbee [mothers] Emma Hynes | Florence Day [previously married] No | No [married] June 23 1923 [where] Pentwater, Mich. [by] Rex O. Holman | Clergyman [witnesses] Louise Merriwether | Finley B. Riggs [their residences] Kansas City, Missouri | Ann Arbor, Michigan.”

586. SSDI, Mary B. Riggs, SSN 446-64-8766, born 29 Jan. 1901, died 2 Nov. 1993, last residence 74365 Salina, Mayes Co., Okla., issued Okla. (1953).

587. U.S. census, 1930, Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Okla., ED 149, r. 1936, p. 43, sh. 1B, dw. 20, fam. 20.

588. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 43, Chart No. 2, col. 5.

589. *Mich., Death Certificates, 1921-1952*, Joan Buckbee Riggs, died 25 Aug. 1927, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., Mich., female, age 1, single, born 7 Aug. 1926, Detroit, Mich., father Samuel Riggs, mother Mary Buckbee, FHL 1973126.

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- 194 ii **MARY GENEVIEVE⁸ RIGGS**, born 15 Apr. 1929, died 2000, buried in Forest Hill Cem., Ann Arbor, Washtenaw, Mich.,^[590] married **FRANK ROBERTSON DAWSON**, born 1924, died 1990, and buried with his wife.
- 195 iii **SUSAN HENRY⁸ RIGGS**, born 13 Aug. 1932, married^[591] — **GUISE**.
- + 196 iv **SAMUEL HYNES⁸ RIGGS JR.**, born 26 June 1936, married (1) **KELSEY ANN GSELL**, and had four children, married (2) **PATRICIA L.** —.

176. JOSEPH AGNEW⁷ RIGGS (₁₃₁*Henry Earle⁶, Samuel Agnew⁵, Joseph⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹*) was born 9 July 1899.^[592] He married^[593] **GRETCHEN WALSER**, and had three children.

Children:^[594]

- 197 i **RUTH⁸ RIGGS**, born 27 Apr. 1930.
- 198 ii **JOSEPH AGNEW⁸ RIGGS JR.**, born 16 Aug. 1933.
- 199 iii **HENRY EARLE⁸ RIGGS II**, born 26 Feb. 1935.

590. *Find a Grave*, no. 119295004, gravestone photograph, by Jim Priestaf, Forest Hill Cem., Ann Arbor, Washtenaw, Mich., plot 8PK, “Dawson | Frank Robertson | WWII Vet | 1924-1990 || Mary Genevieve | Riggs | 1929-2000”; email from Chris⁹ Riggs, 30 May 2015, “my aunt Mary Genevieve⁸ Riggs (Dawson) – she passed [a]way in 2000.”

591. Email from Chris⁹ Riggs, 30 May 2015, “Susan Henry Riggs – now Guise – is still alive, residing in St. Petersburg Florida.”

592. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 43, Chart No. 2, col. 3; *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Joseph Agnew Riggs, 19, of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., Mich., born 9 July 1899, single, white, student at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Washtenaw Co., nearest relative Henry Earle Riggs, father, of Ann Arbor.

593. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 43, Chart No. 2, col. 3.

594. Riggs, *Our Pioneer Ancestors*, 43, Chart No. 2, col. 5.

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EIGHTH GENERATION

196. SAMUEL HYNES⁸ RIGGS JR. (¹³¹*Samuel Hynes⁷, Henry Earle⁶, Samuel Agnew⁵, Joseph⁴, Stephen³, Joseph², Gideon¹*) was born 26 June 1936, and died 1 Aug. 2003, last residence Lewisville, Denton Co., Tex.^[595] He was born or died apparently in Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla.^[596] He married (1) 20 Dec. 1960^[597] **KELSEY ANN GSELL**, who was born 5 Sept. 1937, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans.,^[598] daughter of George F. and Charlotte Felice (Bangs) Gsell, and died 15 Mar. 2015, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.^[599] They divorced 21 Dec. 1987, Dallas Co., Tex.^[600] Samuel married (2) **PATRICIA LEFFEW** —, who was born Mar. 1937.

In 2007 Samuel Hynes Riggs, 71, born June 1936, resided in The Colony, Denton Co., Tex., with Patricia L. Riggs, 71, born Mar. 1937, and Steve B. Riggs, 46, born Dec. 1961.^[601] Mysteriously, Samuel appears both

595. SSDI, Sam Riggs Jr., SSN 515-32-2633, born 26 June 1936, died 1 Aug. 2003, last residence 75056 Lewisville, Denton Co., Tex., issued Kans. (1951-1952).

596. *Web: Obituary Daily Times Index, 1995–Current*, obits., “Riggs, Samuel H Jr; 67; Bartlesville OK; Dallas M-N [The Dallas Morning News, presumably] (TX); 2003-8-10; dfwmea | Riggs, Samuel H Jr; 67; Bartlesville OK; Dallas M-N (TX); 2003-8-3; dfwmea”; email from Chris⁹ Riggs, 30 May 2015, “my father’s ashes were spread in Clear Creek which runs through the Bighorn National Forest in northern Wyoming.”

597. Email from Chris⁹ Riggs, 30 May 2015, “With respect to my father - Samuel Hynes⁸ Riggs Jr.— He was first married to Kelsey Ann Gsell on 20 Dec 1960. They divorced on 21 Dec 1987. The dates can be confirmed in the Dallas divorce records. They had four children: Stephen Buckbee Riggs (17 Dec 1961); Robert Franklin Riggs (15 Feb 1965); Gregory Samuel Riggs (25 Apr 1968); Christopher Gsell Riggs (5 Jan 1969).”

598. Email from Chris⁹ Riggs, 1 June 2015, “Kelsey Ann Gsell was born 5 Sep 1937 in Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas”; U.S. census, 1940, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., ED 107-48A, r. xx, dw. 348, lists George Gsell, 32, medical doctor, born Kans., wife, “Charollete,” 27, born Kans., with daughter, Kelsey, 2, born Kans. Charollette was in Winfield, Kans., in 1935, presumably before she married; obit., *The Wichita Eagle* (KS), Tues., 24 May 1994, city ed., p. 3D, Dr. George F. Gsell, mentions son Greer Gsell, father J. F. Gsell, wife Charlotte Felice Banks of Winfield, daughter Kelsey Ann Riggs of Wichita.

599. Email from Chris⁹ Riggs, 1 June 2015, “Kelsey Ann Gsell . . . You have the correct date for her death of 15 Mar 2015. She passed away in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas - specifically at Monticello West. Her son, Robert Riggs was present at her passing.”

600. *Divorce Index, 1968–2010*, Samuel H. Riggs Jr., 51, divorced 21 Dec. 1987, Dallas Co., Tex., from Kelsey A. Riggs, 49, married 20 Dec. 1960, four children, file 85691.

601. *U.S. Public Records Index*, Samuel Hynes Riggs, born Jun 1936, address 5092 Lakeshore Blvd.

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to have died in 2003 and resided in 2007 in Denton Co.! This is explained by his son, Chris⁹ Riggs, “Both are accurate—based on records. My father’s widow (Patricia L.) chose to not probate the will until she was ready to sell their shared home. I can confirm the 2003 date of death through my presence at his passing.”^[602]

Children:^[603]

- 200 i **STEPHEN BUCKBEE⁹ RIGGS**, born 17 Dec. 1961.
- 201 ii **ROBERT FRANKLIN⁹ RIGGS**, born 15 Feb. 1965.
- 202 iii **GREGORY SAMUEL⁹ RIGGS**, born 25 Apr. 1968.
- 203 iv **CHRISTOPHER GSELL⁹ RIGGS**, born 5 Jan. 1969, a DNA contributor to the Riggs/Rigg DNA Study Group. His genetic signature matches the Edward¹ Riggs signature at 36 of 37 markers.

The Colony, Denton Co., Tex., 75056, 972-625-2079 or 469-384-2171, record no. 861628649,

602. Email from Chris⁹ Riggs, 30 May 2015.

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Figure 1. Gravestone of Gideon¹ Riggs, First Presbyterian Churchyard, Morristown, Morris Co., N.J., plot 31/71



Figure 2. Gravestone of “Rebekah” (Hand) Riggs, wife of Gideon¹, First Presbyterian Churchyard, Morristown



Figure 3. Gideon¹ Riggs of Morristown, his silhouette, 1782



Figure 4. Reverse of Gideon¹ Riggs's silhouette: "Gideon Riggs Esq | Morristown"



Figure 5. Rebecca (Hand) Riggs, wife of Gideon¹, her silhouette from 1782



Figure 6. Reverse of Rebecca (Hand) Riggs's silhouette: "Mistress Rebecca Gideon R[iggs?] | 1782"



Figure 7. Gravestone of Hannah, wife of Joseph² Riggs, Amity (or Lower Ten Mile) Presbyterian Church Cem., Amity, Pa.

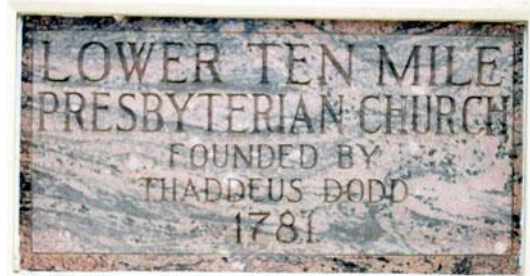


Figure 8. Lower Ten Mile Presbyterian Church, Amity, Pa.

JAMES POAGE, a farmer residing in Malaka Township, Jasper County, owns and operates two hundred and twenty acres of finely improved land. He is the grandson of Col. James Poage, a native of Virginia, who, removing to Ohio, owned and platted the village of Ripley. A man of excellent judgment and keen intuitive powers, he became wealthy and was numbered among the moneyed men of his community. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Woods, was of Irish descent, her mother having emigrated from the Emerald Isle to America in 1739. They had a family of thirteen children, of whom only one now survives.

The father of our subject, George G. Poage, was born in Brown County, Ohio, in 1809, and now resides in Norfolk, Neb., making his home with a daughter. In former years he was a prominent preacher in the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, but has now retired from the ministry. For a number of years he held pastorates in Ross and Logan Counties, Ohio, and from there removed

GGP Birth

1850 US Census (OH)

Figure 9. James R.⁵ Poage sketch, part 1.

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about 1855 to La Salle County, Ill., spending two years there. Later he settled in Jasper County, Iowa, residing here until 1889, since which time he has lived in Nebraska.

The marriage of George G. Poage united him with Miss Jane Riggs, a native of Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of five children, namely: James, of this sketch; Stephen W., who served as Captain of Company I, Tenth Iowa Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Champion Hills, in May, 1863; George C. and Mary Ann, who died at the respective ages of seven and three years; and Arabella, Mrs. Albert Dungan, who lives in Norfolk, Neb. The wife and mother died March 1, 1889. She was an exemplary Christian woman, a true helpmate to her husband and tenderly devoted to the welfare of her children. Rev. Mr. Poage was, in former years, strong in his advocacy of abolition, and he is now equally firm in his allegiance to the Republican party.

Born in Ross County, Ohio, September 3, 1834, our subject in his youth attended such schools as the period afforded. After conducting his studies in the high schools and spending one year in college, he commenced to teach school in Jasper County, following the profession there and in other places for five years. Meantime he devoted the summer seasons to farm work, and in 1866 discontinued teaching, and afterward gave his attention exclusively to farming. On October 27, 1859, he married Miss Harriet E., daughter of Robert Scott, who was born in Waterbury, Conn., in 1836. At the age of fifteen he accompanied his parents to New York, and thence two years later removed to Geauga County, Ohio. At the age of twenty-four he went to Indiana, where he soon afterward purchased a small farm near Evansville, Warrick County. After spending eight years there, he came to Iowa, in 1848, but unfortunately lost \$400, almost all he had, in falling off a boat. Locating in Scott County, near Davenport, he cleared and improved a small farm, where for a time he made his home.

Mr. Scott married Miss Matilda, daughter of Cyrus Earl, of Ohio, and they became the parents of ten children, as follows: Rosetta M., the widow of Porter McKinstry, and a resident of Nebraska;

Lydia M., the wife of Thomas Dulin, of Nebraska; Harriet E., the wife of our subject; Ermina J., who lives in Nebraska; Emma A., wife of Lee Preston, of Iowa; Robert M., deceased; Lucian S., of Iowa; Mary A., deceased; Frank M. and Edgar C., both of whom live in Iowa. The father of this family located in Poweshiek Township, Jasper County, about 1855, and remained there until his death, which occurred February 22, 1875. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious matters affiliated with the Congregational Church, in which he was a Deacon.

Mrs. Poage was born in Warrick County, Ind., January 31, 1842, and by her marriage has become the mother of nine children, viz.: Stephen W., of Malaka Township; James M., whose home is in Baxter, this county; Robert A., a resident of Malaka Township; Frank and Leslie N., who are engaged in teaching school in Utah; Herbert E., Grace H. and Lucian S., who are at home; and George E., who died in infancy. In politics a Republican, Mr. Poage has served in a number of township offices and for many years was Justice of the Peace. In religious connections he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational Church. While he does not engage actively in the tilling of the soil, as in the past, he still superintends the management of the farm, which under his intelligent supervision is one of the most productive in the county.

HES Birth

JMP as Son

James R. Poage Birth

JRP & HES Marriage

FREDERICK KRAMPE, Sr. Within the limits of Jasper County, or indeed of the entire state, no better representative of honest and industrious manhood can be found than the gentleman with whose name we introduce this sketch, and whose history for many years has been intimately associated with that of Malaka Township. Beginning in life without means or influential friends, beset on every side by obstacles, hampered by poverty and burdened with the cares and hardships incidental to life on the frontier, he has, nevertheless, worked his way to the front

Figure 10. James R.⁵ Poage sketch, part 1.